Saint Thomas's Church

The Feast of the Dedication Sunday, October 3, 2021

on Zoom

Evensong at 4:00 pm followed by Coffee Hour



Jacob's Dream, Joseph Goupy, c. 1720 The Cleveland Museum of Art

Saint Thomas's Anglican Church

383 Huron Street, Toronto, Ontario M5S 2G5 416-979-2323 The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

Those at the High Altar in loving memory of George C. Hitchman, by his daughter Barbara, and family;

Those on the Lady Altar in loving memory of Pamela McCoy.

Officiant: Fr D'Angelo Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Rigzin Tute

HYMN 358 – Christ is our corner-stone

- 1 Christ is our corner-stone,
 On him alone we build;
 With his true saints alone
 The courts of heaven are filled:
 On his great love
 Our hopes we place
 Of present grace
 And joys above.
- 2 O then with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring;
 Our voices we will raise
 The Three in One to sing;
 And thus proclaim
 In joyful song
 Both loud and long
 That glorious name.

HAREWOOD S.S. Wesley, 1868

- 3 Here, Gracious God, do thou For evermore draw nigh; Accept each faithful vow, And mark each suppliant sigh: In copious shower On all who pray, Each holy day Thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven
 The grace which we implore:
 And may that grace, once given,
 Be with us evermore,
 Until that day
 When all the blest
 To endless rest
 Are called away.

Latin of 8th Cent. Tr. by Rev. John Chandler

V / O Lord, open thou our lips;
R / And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
V / O God, make speed to save us;
R / O Lord, make haste to help us.

V / Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; R / As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V / Praise ye the Lord;R / The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 132 – Memento Domine – Tone V, 1

- 1 Lord, remember David, / and all his trouble;
- 2 How he sware unto the Lord, / and vowed a vow unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 'I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house, / nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, / nor mine eyelids to slumber;
- 5 Until I find out a place for the Lord, / an habitation for the Mighty One of Jacob.'
- 6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrathah, / and found it in the fields of the Wood.
- We will go into his dwelling-place, / and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place, / thou, and the ark of thy strength.
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; / and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.
- 10 For thy servant David's sake, / turn not away the face of thine anointed.
- 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David, / and he shall not shrink from it:
- 12 'Of the fruit of thy body / shall I set upon thy throne.
- 13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall teach them, / their children shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.'
- 14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion; / he hath longed for her to be an habitation for himself:
- 15 'This shall be my rest for ever: / here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
- I will bless her victuals with increase, / and will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salvation, / and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
- 18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish: / I have ordained a lantern for mine anointed.

19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame; / but upon himself shall his crown flourish.'

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 28.10-17

The First Lesson is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the book Genesis, beginning at the tenth verse.

Jacob left Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he came to a certain place, and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants; and your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done that of which I have spoken to you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place; and I did not know it." And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles, Tone VI

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth / all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; / and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him / throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; / he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, / and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; / and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy / hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, / Abraham and his seed for ever. GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

SECOND LESSON – Revelation 21.1-4, 22-22.5

The Second Lesson is written in the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation, beginning at the first verse.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine upon it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light shall the nations walk; and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory into it, and its gates shall never be shut by day—and there shall be no

night there; they shall bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean shall enter it, nor any one who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then he showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There shall no more be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and his servants shall worship him; they shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles, Tone VI

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, / according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, / which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, / and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God

the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of
the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended
into hell; The third day he rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

V / The Lord be with you;
R / And with thy spirit.
V / Let us pray.
V / Lord, have mercy upon us.
R / Christ, have mercy upon us.
V / Lord, have mercy upon us.
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father

who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

People: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us; *People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O most blessèd Saviour, who didst vouchsafe thy gracious presence at the Feast of Dedication: Be present with us at this time by thy Holy Spirit, and so possess our souls by thy grace, that we may be living temples, holy and acceptable unto thee; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**.

COLLECT OF TRINITY XVIII

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, and flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

PRAYERS

(the General Thanksgiving may be said)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen**.

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen**.

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen**.

2 Corinthians 13.14