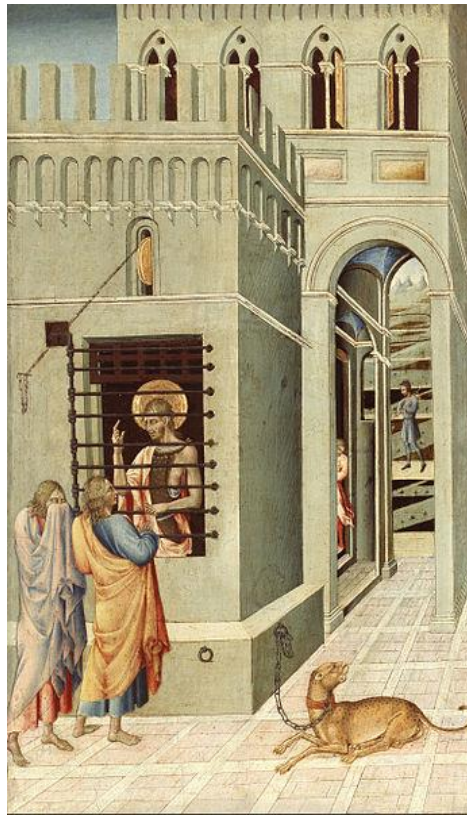


Saint Thomas's Church

The Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, September 26, 2021

on Zoom

Evensong at 4:00 pm
followed by Coffee Hour



Saint John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples
Giovanni di Paolo, c. 1455
Art Institute of Chicago

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The Altar flowers are given to the honour and glory of almighty God:

*In loving memory of James and Vera Bonham, Elwood and Golding Foster,
Ralph and Ruby Harrison, John Saunders, and the Reverend Canon Warren
and Dorothy Turner, by David and Mary Lou Harrison;*

*In loving memory of Jimmy and Jean McCallum and Victor and Sylvia Mazar,
from their granddaughter;*

and

In loving memory of Esme, Ed, and Steve Read, given by Geoff Read.

Officiant: Fr. Humphrey
Cantors: Elizabeth Anderson & Jordan Baldwin

PRELUDE: O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr frommen, Op. 122, No. 6,
Johannes Brahms

HYMN 514 – Lord Jesus, think on me

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin:
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
With many a care oppressed;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.
- 4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.
- 5 Lord Jesus, think on me,
That I may sing above
To Father, Holy Ghost, and thee
The songs of praise and love.

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 102 *Tone II, 1*

- 1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, / and let my crying come unto thee.
- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble: /
incline thine ear unto me; O hear me when I call, and that right soon.
- 3 For my days consume away like smoke, /
and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.
- 4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass; /
for I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 For the voice of my groaning, / my bones cleave to my flesh.
- 6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness, /
and like an owl that is in the desert.
- 7 I watch, and am even as it were a sparrow, /
that sitteth alone upon the house-top.
- 8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long; /
and they that are mad against me use my name as a curse.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread, /
and mingled my drink with weeping;
- 10 And that because of thine indignation and wrath; /
for thou hast taken me up and cast me down.
- 11 My days are gone like a shadow; / and I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, /
and thy remembrance throughout all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion; /
for it is time that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.
- 14 And why? thy servants think upon her stones, /
and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

- 15 The nations shall fear thy Name, O Lord, /
and all the kings of the earth thy majesty;
- 16 When the Lord hath built up Sion, /
and when he hath appeared in his glory;
- 17 When he hath turned him unto the prayer of the poor destitute, /
and hath not despised their desire.
- 18 This shall be written for those that come after; /
and a people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.
- 19 For he hath looked down from his sanctuary; /
out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth;
- 20 That he might hear the mournings of such as are in captivity, /
and deliver them that are appointed unto death;
- 21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion, /
and his worship in Jerusalem;
- 22 When the peoples are gathered together, /
and the kingdoms also, to serve the Lord.
- 23 He hath brought down my strength in my journey, /
and shortened my days.
- 24 I will say, 'O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; /
as for thy years, they endure throughout all generations.'
- 25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; /
and the heavens are the work of thy hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: /
they all shall wax old as doth a garment;
- 27 And as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; /
but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall continue, /
and their seed shall stand fast in thy sight.

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 – Proverbs 1.20-end

The First Lesson is written in the first chapter of the book of Proverbs, beginning at the twentieth verse.

Wisdom cries aloud in the street; in the markets she raises her voice; on the top of the walls she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: “How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; behold, I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, and you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but he who listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of evil.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT *Canticles, Tone V, 3*

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 – Matthew 11.2-19

The Second Lesson is written in the eleventh chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the second verse.

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and men of violence take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John; and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear. “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places and calling to their playmates, ‘We piped to you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS
Canticles, Tone III, 1

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always *prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

** spiritually guide, go before*

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