

Saint Thomas's Church

**The Fourteenth Sunday After Trinity
Sunday, September 5, 2021**

on Zoom

**Evensong at 4:00 pm
followed by Coffee Hour**



Madonna Lily Painting
from a German illuminated manuscript c. 1380

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HYMN 56 – Blest Creator of the light

- 1 Blest Creator of the light,
Making day with radiance bright,
Thou didst o'er the forming earth
Give the golden light its birth.
- 2 Shade of eve with morning ray
Took from thee the name of day;
Darkness now is drawing nigh;
Listen to our humble cry.
- 3 May we ne'er by guilt depressed
Lose the way to endless rest;
Nor with idle thoughts and vain
Bind our souls to earth again.
- 4 Rather may we heavenward rise
Where eternal treasure lies;
Purified by grace within,
Hating every deed of sin.
- 5 Holy Father, hear our cry
Through thy Son our Lord most high,
Whom our thankful hearts adore
With the Spirit evermore.

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 78, Pt 2 *Tone I, 4*

- 42 Many a time did God's people rebel against him in the wilderness, /
and grieve him in the desert.
- 43 They turned back and tempted God, /
and provoked the Holy One of Israel.
- 44 They thought not of his hand, /
and of the day when he delivered them from the hand of the enemy;
- 45 How he had wrought his miracles in Egypt, /
and his wonders in the field of Zoan.
- 46 He turned their rivers into blood, /
so that they could not drink of their streams.
- 47 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them, /
and frogs, which destroyed them.
- 48 He gave their fruit unto the caterpillar, /
and their labour unto the locust.
- 49 He destroyed their vines with hail-stones, /
and their sycamore-trees with the frost.
- 50 He smote their cattle also with hail-stones, /
and their flocks with hot thunderbolts.
- 51 He cast upon them the fury of his wrath, anger, displeasure,
and trouble:/ a band of destroying angels.
- 52 He made a way for his indignation,
and spared not their soul from death, /
but gave their life over to the pestilence;
- 53 And smote all the first-born in Egypt, /
the firstlings of their strength in the dwellings of Ham.

54 But as for his own people, he led them forth like sheep, /
and guided them in the wilderness like a flock.

55 He brought them out safely, that they did not fear, /
and overwhelmed their enemies in the sea.

56 He brought them unto his holy border, /
even to the mountain which he had purchased with his right hand.

57 He cast out the nations also before them, /
caused their land to be divided among them for an heritage,
and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

58 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God, /
and kept not his testimonies;

59 But turned back, and fell away like their forefathers, /
starting aside like a broken bow.

60 For they grieved him with their hill-altars, /
and provoked him to displeasure with their images.

61 When God heard this, he was wroth, /
and took sore displeasure at Israel;

62 So that he forsook the tabernacle in Shiloh, /
even the tent that he had pitched among men.

63 He delivered his strength into captivity, /
and his glory into the enemy's hand.

64 He gave his people over also unto the sword, /
and was wroth with his inheritance.

65 The fire consumed their young men, /
and their maidens were not given to marriage.

66 Their priests were slain with the sword; /
and their widows made no lamentation.

67 So the Lord awaked as one out of sleep, /
and like a giant refreshed with wine.

68 He smote his enemies backward, / and put them to a perpetual shame.

69 He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, /
and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

70 But chose the tribe of Judah, / even the hill of Sion which he loved.

71 And he built his sanctuary like the heights of heaven, /
and like the earth which he hath founded for ever.

72 He chose David also his servant, /
and took him away from the sheep-folds.

73 As he was following the ewes with their young he brought him, /
that he might feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
74 So he fed them with a faithful and true heart, /
and ruled them prudently with all his power.

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 – Daniel 3

The First Lesson is written in the third chapter of the book of the prophet Daniel, beginning at the first verse.

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to assemble the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counsellors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces, were assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshipped the golden image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live for ever! You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. There are

certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no heed to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. Then they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image which I have made, well and good; but if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace; and who is the god that will deliver you out of my hands?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he ordered certain mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their mantles, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were cast into the burning fiery furnace. Because the king’s order was strict and the furnace very hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed’nego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He said to his counsellors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” He answered, “But I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.” Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come forth, and

come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counsellors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their mantles were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set at nought the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles, Tone 1, 4

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 6.19-end

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

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day’s own trouble be sufficient for the day.”

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS
Canticles, Tone 1, 4

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

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **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