

Saint Thomas's Church

The Fourth Sunday After Easter Day

Sunday, May 15, 2022

Evensong & Devotions

at 3:00 pm



Christ with Beard, 4th Century fresco
La Catacomba di Commodilla, Roma, Italia

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

Those on the Lady Altar are in thanksgiving for the memory of Bert Kish.

Officiant: Fr. D'Angelo
Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

PRELUDE: O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen, *Johannes Brahms*

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 136; *Tone V, 3*

- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious:
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2 O give thanks unto the God of all gods: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 3 O thank the Lord of all lords: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 4 Who only doeth great wonders: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 5 Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens: /
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 6 Who laid out the earth above the waters: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 7 Who hath made great lights: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 8 The sun to rule the day: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 9 The moon and the stars to govern the night: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 10 Who smote Egypt in their first-born: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 12 With a mighty hand and stretched out arm: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 13 Who divided the Red Sea in sunder: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 14 And made Israel to go through the midst of it: /
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 15 But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red Sea: /
for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 16 Who led his people through the wilderness: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 17 Who smote great kings: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 18 Yea, and slew mighty kings: for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 21 And gave away their land for an heritage: / for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us when we were in trouble: /
for his mercy endureth for ever;
- 24 And hath delivered us from our enemies: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 25 Who giveth food to all flesh: / for his mercy endureth for ever.
- 26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: / for his mercy endureth 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.

FIRST LESSON – Deuteronomy 10.12 – 11.1

The First Lesson is written the book of Deuteronomy, in the tenth chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven. You shall therefore love the Lord your God, and keep his charge, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Canticles in F, *George Dyson*

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 22

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

Then the angel 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. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true, for the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"See, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me; but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your comrades the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God!" And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Canticles in F, *George Dyson*

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.**

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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.**

ANTHEM

‘Sicut cervus desiderat,’ *Palestrina*

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

(Ps 42.1)

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

HYMN 395 – Come, let us join our cheerful songs

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 ‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘To be exalted thus’;
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘For he was slain for us.’
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings, more than we can give,
Be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred Name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

NATIVITY
Rev. Isaac Watts, 1707

H. Lahee, 1855

DEVOTIONS

O Salutaris Hostia (Hymn 237, Part 2)

HEREFORD

- 5 O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below:
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
- 6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, Blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.

MOTET

‘O taste and see,’ *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

(Ps 34.8)

- 5 Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.
- 6 Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

Thou gavest them Bread from heaven; Alleluia.
Containing in itself all sweetness. Alleluia.

COLLECT OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us so to reverence the holy mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever know within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Psalm 117—Laudate Dominum; *Tone VI*

Antiphon: Lēt üs ad-öre **Christ** our Lord : in the **most hö-ly** Sac-ra-ment.

O präise the Lord, all ye **na-tions** : laud him, **all** yë peo-ples. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more to-**wards** us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for **ev-ër**. Praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son : and **to** thë

Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** end. A-men.

[repeat antiphon]