

Saint Thomas's Church

Rogation Sunday
Sunday, May 22, 2022

Evensong & Devotions
at 3:00 pm



The Sower, Jean François Millet, 1814-1875, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

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

Those at the High Altar in memory of Alexandrina Victoria;

and at the Lady Altar,

in loving remembrance of Lilian Wei-Chee Goh, from her husband Swee Chua.

Officiant: ?????

Organist & Director of Music: Matthew Whitfield

UPDATED PROVISOS FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Masks are still required until the Feast of Pentecost on June 5. The mask must be an N95, KN95, or acceptable equivalent. Exemptions are allowed as provided for by law; please inform a sidesperson if an exemption applies to you.

The Diocese has approved a return to congregational singing! Please join in heartily. Though distancing is no longer a requirement, please inquire of your nearest neighbours to ensure that all are comfortable and accommodated.

PRELUDE: Prelude on “Abide with me,” *William Bolcom*

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 61; Tone IV, 4

- 1 Hear my crying, O God, / give ear unto my prayer.
- 2 From the end of the earth will I call upon thee,
when my heart is in heaviness: /
O lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
- 3 For thou hast been my refuge, / and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
- 4 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever, /
and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.
- 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my desires, /
and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
- 6 Thou shalt grant the king a long life: / his years shall be as many generations.

- 7 He shall dwell before God for ever; /
O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
8 So will I always sing praise unto thy Name, /
that I may daily perform my vows.

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.

PSALM 62; *Tone IV, 6*

- 1 My soul truly waiteth in silence upon God; / for of him cometh my salvation.
2 He verily is my strength and my salvation; /
he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall.
3 How long will ye set upon a man, battering him, all of you, /
like a tottering wall, and like a broken fence?
4 Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt; /
their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth,
but curse words with their heart.
5 Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou in silence upon God; /
for my hope is in him.
6 He truly is my strength and my salvation; /
he is my defence, so that I shall not fall.
7 In God is my health and my glory: /
the rock of my might, and in God is my trust.
8 O put your trust in him always, ye people: /
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope.
9 As for the sons of men, they are but vanity; yea,
the sons of men are a deceit; /
upon the scales they are altogether lighter than vanity itself.
10 O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity; /
if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.
11 God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same, /
that power belongeth unto God;
12 And that thou, Lord, art merciful; /
for thou renderest unto every man according to his work.

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 28.1-13

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

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom—if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE MAGNIFICAT

FAUXBOURDONS, *FRANK NAKASHIMA*

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 – Mark 4.1-20

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Saint Mark in the fourth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Again Jesus began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that ‘they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.’”

And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.”

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

FAUXBOURDON, *FRANK NAKASHIMA*

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 COLLECTS OF THE DAY

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

Collect of Easter V

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Rogationtide.

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

'O for a closer walk with God,' Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

(William Cowper)

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 172 – To thee our God we fly

- 1 To thee our God we fly
For mercy and for grace;
O hear our lowly cry,
And hide not thou thy face.
*O Lord, stretch forth thy mighty hand,
And guard and bless our native land.*
- 2 Thy best gifts from on high
In rich abundance pour,
That we may magnify
And praise thee more and more.
- 3 The Church of thy dear Son
Inflame with love's pure fire,
Bind her once more in one,
And life and truth inspire.
- 4 The powers ordained by thee
With heavenly wisdom bless;
May they thy servants be,
And rule in righteousness.

- 5 Give peace, Lord, in our time;
O let no foe draw nigh,
Nor lawless deed of crime
Insult thy Majesty.

*CROFT's 136th
William Croft, 1709*

Bishop W. Walsham How, 1871

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. Amen.

MOTET

'O sacred feast,' Healey Willan

O sacred feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia!

(Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274))

- 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: Lët 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** the Hö-ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be : world with-**out** ënd. A-men. [*repeat antiphon*]