

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday February 24th 2021 at 6:00 PM

Evensong for the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle In the Week of the First Sunday in Lent



From the Workshop of Simone Martini (c.1284-1344)

Sung by the University of King's College Chapel Choir

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introit Remember Not, Lord, Our Offences H. PURCELL (1659-95)

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Confession

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Preces

R. AYLEWARD (1626-69)

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips; O God, make speed to save us; GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 132 Memento, Domine.

C. H. H. PARRY

- 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 '1 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.
- 7 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.
- 16 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 I Samuel 16. 1-13

The First Lesson is written in the First Book of Samuel, the 16th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the Lord said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the Lord. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Office Hymn Aeterna Christi munera.

Mode VIII

1 The eternal gifts of Christ the King, The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing; And while due hymns of praise we pay, Our thankful hearts cast grief away.

3 'Twas thus the yearning faith of Saints, The unconquered hope that never faints, The love of Christ that knows not shame, The prince of this world overcame. 2 The Church in these her princes boasts, These victor chiefs of warriors hosts; The soldiers of the heavenly hall, The lights that rose on earth for all.

4 In these the Father's glory shone; In these the will of God the Son; In these exults the Holy Ghost; Through these rejoice the heavenly host.

5 Redeemer, hear us of thy love, That, with this glorious band above, Hereafter, of thine endless grace, Thy servants also may have place. Amen

Words: Attrib. Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Magnificat The Gloucester Service by H. HOWELLS (1892-1983)

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 I Corinthians 4.1 – 8

The Second Lesson is written in the First Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians, the 4th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us: and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis The *Gloucester* Service by HOWELLS

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has 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.

Mutual Salutation AYLEWARD

Precentor: Choir:

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

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Versicles & Responses

AYLEWARD

Precentor: Choir:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen; And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness; And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people; And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord; And evermore mightily defend us. O God, make clean our hearts within us; And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

O ALMIGHTY God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being alway preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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**.

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

In jejunio et fletu

T. TALLIS (C.1505-85)

In jejunio et fletu orabant sacerdotes: Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo, et ne des hereditatem tuam in perditionem. Inter vestibulum et altare plorabant sacerdotes, dicentes: Parce populo tuo.

In fasting and weeping the priests prayed: Spare, O Lord, spare thy people, and give not thine inheritance to perdition. Between the porch and the altar the priests wept, saying: Spare thy people.

Prayers

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

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

Closing Hymn Captains of the Saintly Band

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

1 Captains of the saintly band, Lights who lighten every land, Princes who with Jesus dwell, Judges of his Israel.

3 Not by warrior's spear and sword, Not by art of human word, Preaching but the Cross of shame, Rebel hearts for Christ ye tame.

5 Distant lands with one acclaim Tell the honour of your name, Who, wherever man has trod, Teach the mysteries of God.

Words: Jean-Baptiste de Santeuil (1630-97) trans. H. W. Baker (1821-77)

Voluntary Sonata No. 3 (I)

2 On the nations sunk in night Ye have shed the Gospel light; Sin and error flee away; Truth reveals the promised day.

4 Earth, that long in sin and pain Groaned in Satan's deadly chain, Now to serve its God is free In the law of liberty.

6 Glory to the Three in One While eternal ages run, Who from deepest shades of night Called us to his glorious light.

> Music: Pierre de Corbeil (d.1222) harm. R. Redhead (1820-1901)

> > F. MENDELSSOHN (1809-47)

Con moto maestoso

Lenten Evensongs at the Cathedral

February – March 2021

Wednesday	February 17	Ash Wednesday	6:00 PM
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	February 21	The First Sunday in Lent	4:00 PM
		Sung by Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir	
Wednesday	February 24	The Feast of St. Matthias	6:00 PM
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	February 28	The Second Sunday in Lent	4:00 PM
		Sung by the Cathedral Choir	
Wednesday	March 3	Wednesday after the Second Sunday in Lent	6:00 PM
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	March 7	The Third Sunday in Lent	4:00 PM
		Sung by the Cathedral Choir	
Wednesday	March 10	Wednesday after the Third Sunday in Lent	6:00 PM
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	March 14	The Fourth Sunday in Lent	4:00 PM
		Sung by the Cathedral Choir	
Wednesday	March 17	Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in Lent St Patrick of Ireland, Missionary and Bishop, 461	6:00 PM
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	March 21	Passion Sunday	4:00 PM
		Sung by the Cathedral Choir	
Wednesday	March 24	Eve of the Annunciation	6:00 PM
		of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
		Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir	
Sunday	March 28	Palm Sunday	4:00 PM
		Sung by the Cathedral Choir	



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