



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
ALL SAINTS

Wednesday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 6:00 PM

The Eve of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*The Cortona Altarpiece, Fra Angelico (c.1395-1455)*

*Sung by the University of King's College Chapel Choir*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Introit

Dixit Maria

H. L. HASSLER (1564-1612)

Dixit Maria ad Angelum:

*Mary said to the Angel:*

Ecce, ancilla Domini:

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord;*

fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*be it done unto me according to your word.*

## 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

B. ROSE (1916-1996)

### 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.

## Psalms

84 *Quam dilecta!*

E. EDWARDS

85 *Benedixisti, Domine.*

F. A. G. OUSELEY

1 O HOW lovely are thy dwellings, / thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: / my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: / even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; / they will be always praising thee.

5 Blessed are the men whose strength is in thee, / in whose heart are the pilgrim ways;

6 Who going through the Vale of Misery use it for a well; / yea, the early rain covereth it with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength, / and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: / hearken, O God of Jacob.

9 Behold, O God, our shield, / and look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For one day in thy courts / is better than a thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, / than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a light and defence; the LORD will give grace and glory; / and no good thing shall he withhold from them that lead a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts, / blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: / thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob.  
2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, / and covered all their sin.  
3 Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure, / and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.  
4 Turn us, O God our Saviour, / and let thine anger cease from us.  
5 Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever? / and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?  
6 Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, / that thy people may rejoice in thee?  
7 O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, / and grant us thy salvation.  
8 I will hearken what the Lord God will say: / for he shall speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and unto them that turn their heart to him.  
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, / that glory may dwell in our land.  
10 Mercy and truth are met together: / righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
11 Truth springeth out of the earth; / and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.  
12 Yea, the Lord shall give what is good; / and our land shall yield her increase.  
13 Righteousness shall go before him, / and shall direct his going in the way.  
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            Genesis 3. 1 – 15**

*The First Lesson is written in the Book of Genesis, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.*

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said,

The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

*Here endeth the First Lesson.*

## Office Hymn

*Ave maris stella.*

MODE I

1 Ave, maris stella,  
Dei Mater alma,  
Atque semper Virgo,  
Felix caeli porta.

1 Hail, star of the sea,  
Loving Mother of God,  
And also always a Virgin,  
Happy gate of heaven.

2 Sumens illud Ave  
Gabrielis ore,  
Funda nos in pace,  
Mutans Evae nomen.

2 Receiving that 'Ave'  
From Gabriel's mouth  
Confirm us in peace,  
Reversing Eve's name.

3 Solve vincla reis,  
Profer lumen caecis,  
Mala nostra pelle,  
Bona cuncta posce.

3 Break the chains of sinners,  
Bring light to the blind,  
Drive away our evils,  
Ask for all good.

4 Monstra te esse matrem,  
Sumat per te preces,  
Qui pro nobis natus  
Tulit esse tuus.

4 Show yourself to be a mother,  
May he accept prayers through you,  
He who, born for us,  
Chose to be yours.

5 Virgo singularis,  
Inter omnes mitis,  
Nos culpae solutos,  
Mites fac et castos.

5 O unique Virgin,  
Meek above all,  
Make us, absolved from sin,  
Gentle and chaste.

6 Vitam praesta puram,  
Iter para tutum,  
Ut videntes Jesum,  
Semper collaetemur.

6 Keep life pure,  
Make the journey safe,  
So that, seeing Jesus,  
We may always rejoice together.

7 Sit laus Deo Patri,  
Summo Christo decus  
Spiritui Sancto,  
Tribus honor unus. Amen.

7 Let there be praise to God the Father,  
Glory to Christ in the highest,  
To the Holy Spirit,  
One honour to all three. Amen.

*Words: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> century; translator unknown*

## Magnificat

Tone VIII a 8 by L. MARENZIO (1553-1599)

Magnificat anima mea Dominum

*My soul doth magnify the Lord,*

Et exultavit spiritus meus

*and my spirit hath rejoiced*

in Deo salutari meo.

*in God my Saviour.*

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:

*For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.*

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam

*For behold from henceforth*

me dicent omnes generationes.

*all generations shall call me blessed.*

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me,*

et sanctum nomen eius.

*and holy is his Name.*

Et misericordia eius a progenie in

*And his mercy is on them that fear him*

progenies timentibus eum.

*throughout all generations.*

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,

*He hath showed strength with his arm;*

dispersit superbos

*he hath scattered the proud*

mente cordis sui.

*in the imagination of their hearts.*

Deposuit potentes de sede

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat,*

et exaltavit humiles.

*and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

Esurientes implevit bonis

*He hath filled the hungry with good things,*

et divites dimisit inanes,

*and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

Suscepit Israel puerum suum

*He remembering his mercy*

recordatus misericordiæ suæ,

*hath holpen his servant Israel,*

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,

*As he promised to our forefathers,*

Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

*Abraham and his seed for ever.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio,

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*

et Spiritui Sancto:

*and to the Holy Ghost;*

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*world without end. Amen.*

## Second Lesson    Romans 5. 12 – end

*The Second Lesson is written in the Epistle of St. Paul the Apostle to the Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, beginning at the 12<sup>th</sup> verse.*

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence death reigned by one;

much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Here endeth the Second Lesson.*

## **Nunc Dimittis**      Setting by JOSQUIN DES PREZ (C.1450 – 1521)

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:

Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum

Quod parasti ante faciem

omnium populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium,

et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,

et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,

et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*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**

ROSE

### **Precentor:**

*The Lord be with you;*

*Let us pray.*

### **Choir:**

And with thy spirit.

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

ROSE

### *Precentor:*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*

*O Lord, save the Queen;*

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;*

*O Lord, save thy people;*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us;*

### **Choir:**

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

And evermore mightily defend us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collects

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same 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.**



*This setting of Marie Howe's poem "Annunciation" was commissioned by The Reverend Jordan Draper to honour The Reverend Dr Gary Thorne on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to Holy Orders on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Today, the Eve of the Annunciation, marks the first performance of this work.*

Even if I don't see it again,—nor ever feel it  
 I know it is—and that if once it hailed me  
 it ever does—  
 And so it is myself I want to turn in that direction  
 not as towards a place, but it was a tilting  
 within myself,  
 as one turns a mirror to flash the light to where  
 it isn't.—I was blinded like that—and swam  
 in what shone at me  
 only able to endure it by being no one and so  
 specifically myself I thought I'd die  
 from being loved like that.

*Words: Marie Howe (from *The Kingdom of Ordinary Time*);  
 by Permission*

## 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**      The God, Whom Earth and Sea and Sky

*PUER NOBIS  
NASCITUR*

1 The God whom earth and sea and sky  
adore and laud and magnify,  
whose might they own, whose praise they tell,  
in Mary's body deigned to dwell.

3 Blest in the message Gabriel brought;  
blest in the work the Spirit wrought;  
most blest, to bring to human birth  
the long-desired of all the earth.

*Words:* Venantius Fortunatus (c.530-609)  
trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

2 O Mother blest, the chosen shrine  
wherein the Architect divine,  
whose hand contains the earth and sky,  
vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie:

4 O Lord, the Virgin-born, to thee  
eternal praise and glory be,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

*Music:* melody from Trier MS., 15th cent.  
adapt. M. Praetorius (1571-1621)  
harm. Rev. G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)  
Descant by P. Halley

**Voluntary**      Magnificat (Fugato)

J. S. BACH (BWV 733)



## Lenten Evensongs at the Cathedral

February – March 2021

Wednesday	February 17	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday	February 21	<b>The First Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Sung by Capella Regalis Men &amp; Boys Choir</i>	4:00 PM
Wednesday	February 24	<b>The Feast of St. Matthias</b> <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday	February 28	<b>The Second Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i>	4:00 PM
Wednesday	March 3	<b>Wednesday after the Second Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Wednesday	March 10	<b>Wednesday after the Third Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Wednesday	March 17	<b>Wednesday after the Fourth Sunday in Lent</b> St Patrick of Ireland, Missionary and Bishop, 461 <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Wednesday	March 24	<b>Eve of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> <i>Sung by the King's College Chapel Choir</i>	6:00 PM
Sunday	March 28	<b>Palm Sunday</b> <b>A Service of Readings &amp; Music for Passiontide</b> <i>Sung by the Cathedral Choir</i>	4:00 PM

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