

**(Evensong, Sunday August 9th 2020 Trinity 9)**

Welcome to this service of Evensong which today is streamed from the Chapel  
of St Michael's Solihull.

The readings are for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity.

(First Versicles)

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...AMEN*

Praise ye the Lord.

*the Lord's name be praised.*

*Psalm 86*

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, \*  
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, \*  
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.

11 Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; \*  
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my heart, \*  
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; \*  
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; \*  
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favour,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

GLORIA

### **First Lesson I Kings 11.41 – 12.20**

<sup>41</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, all that he did as well as his wisdom, are they not written in the Book of the Acts of Solomon? <sup>42</sup> The time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. <sup>43</sup> Solomon slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of his father David; and his son Rehoboam succeeded him.

<sup>1</sup> Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had come to Shechem to make him king. <sup>2</sup> When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of it (for he was still in Egypt, where he had fled from King Solomon), then Jeroboam returned from Egypt. <sup>3</sup> And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came and said to Rehoboam, <sup>4</sup> “Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore lighten the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he placed on us, and we will serve you.” <sup>5</sup> He said to them, “Go away for three days, then come again to me.” So the people went away.

<sup>6</sup> Then King Rehoboam took counsel with the older men who had attended his father Solomon while he was still alive, saying, “How do you advise me to answer this people?” <sup>7</sup> They answered him, “If you will be a servant to this people today and serve them, and speak good words to them when you answer them, then they will be your servants forever.” <sup>8</sup> But he disregarded the advice that the older men gave him, and consulted with the young men who had grown up with him and now attended him. <sup>9</sup> He said to them, “What do you advise that we answer this people who have said to me, ‘Lighten the yoke that your father put on us?’” <sup>10</sup> The young men who had grown up with him said to him, “Thus you should say to this people who spoke to you, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you must lighten it for us’; thus you should say to them, ‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s loins. <sup>11</sup> Now, whereas my father laid on you a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. My father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.’”

<sup>12</sup> So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had said, “Come to me again the third day.” <sup>13</sup> The king answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him <sup>14</sup> and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, “My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father disciplined you with whips, but I will discipline you with scorpions.” <sup>15</sup> So the king did not listen to the people, because it was a turn of affairs brought about by the Lord that he might fulfill his word, which the Lord had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam son of Nebat.

<sup>16</sup> When all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king,

“What share do we have in David?

We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse.

To your tents, O Israel!

Look now to your own house, O David.”

So Israel went away to their tents. <sup>17</sup> But Rehoboam reigned over the Israelites who were living in the towns of Judah. <sup>18</sup> When King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was taskmaster over the forced labour, all Israel stoned him to death. King Rehoboam then hurriedly mounted his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. <sup>19</sup> So Israel has been in rebellion against the house of David to this day.

<sup>20</sup> When all Israel heard that Jeroboam had returned, they sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. There was no one who followed the house of David, except the tribe of Judah alone.

### *Magnificat*

*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 shewed 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. GLORIA*

### **Second Lesson John 6.35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in

the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.*

*2 For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;*

*3 Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;*

*4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel. GLORIA*

(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 Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Versicles)

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.*

*Our Father..... from evil. AMEN..*

○ Lord show Thy mercy upon us.

*And grant us thy salvation.*

○ Lord, save the Queen.

*And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.*

Endue Thy ministers with righteousness.

*And make Thy chosen people joyful.*

○ Lord, save Thy people.

*And bless Thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

*Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou O God.*

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

*And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

(Collects)

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

○ 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 both 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*

**(Sermon)**

**(music)**

**(Prayers)**

**(Grace)**