

Evensong, Sunday, September 13th, Eve of Holy Cross Day.

Welcome to this service of Evensong which is streamed
from St Alphege's Church Solihull.

Today is the 13th Sunday after Trinity and also the eve of the feast known as
Holy Cross Day

(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 110

Dixit Dominus

- 1. THE Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*
- 2. The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.*
- 3. In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship: the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.*
- 4. The Lord sware, and will not repent: Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.*
- 5. The Lord upon thy right hand: shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.*
- 6. He shall judge among the heathen; he shall fill the places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.*
- 7. He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head. GLORIA.*

First Lesson Isaiah 63: 1-16

“Who is this that comes from Edom,
from Bozrah in garments stained crimson?

Who is this so splendidly robed,
marching in his great might?”

“It is I, announcing vindication,
mighty to save.”

² “Why are your robes red,
and your garments like theirs who tread the wine press?”

³ “I have trodden the wine press alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me;

I trod them in my anger
and trampled them in my wrath;
their juice spattered on my garments,
and stained all my robes.

⁴ For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and the year for my redeeming work had come.

⁵ I looked, but there was no helper;
I stared, but there was no one to sustain me;
so my own arm brought me victory,
and my wrath sustained me.

⁶ I trampled down peoples in my anger,
I crushed them in my wrath,
and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely”;
and he became their savior

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger^[a] or angel
but his presence that saved them;^[b]
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰ But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;

he himself fought against them.

¹¹ Then they^[c] remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.^[d]

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,

¹² who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,

¹³ who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

¹⁴ Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

¹⁵ Look down from heaven and see,
from your holy and glorious habitation.

Where are your zeal and your might?

The yearning of your heart and your compassion?

They are withheld from me.

¹⁶ For you are our father,
though Abraham does not know us
and Israel does not acknowledge us;

you, O LORD, are our father;

our Redeemer from of old is your name.

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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,^[b]
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.

(2nd 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..

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.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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 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

Anthem: Salvator Mundi, Tallis

Prayers