

Evensong, Sunday October 18th 2020

Welcome to this service of Evensong, which comes to you
from the church of St Alphege, Solihull.

Today we mark the feast of St Luke the Evangelist

Walsh Responses

(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 103

Benedic, anima mea

1. *PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.*
2. *Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;*
3. *Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;*
4. *Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;*
5. *Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.*
6. *The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.*
7. *He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.*
8. *The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.*
9. *He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.*
10. *He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.*

11. *For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.*
12. *Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.*
13. *Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.*
14. *For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.*
15. *The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.*
16. *For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.*
17. *But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children;*
18. *Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.*
19. *The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.*
20. *O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.*
21. *O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.*
22. *O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul.*
23. **GLORIA**

First Lesson - Proverbs 4: 1-18

Parental Advice

- ⁴ Listen, children, to a father's instruction,
and be attentive, that you may gain^[a] insight;
- ² for I give you good precepts:
do not forsake my teaching.
- ³ When I was a son with my father,
tender, and my mother's favorite,
- ⁴ he taught me, and said to me,
"Let your heart hold fast my words;
keep my commandments, and live.
- ⁵ Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget, nor turn away
from the words of my mouth.
- ⁶ Do not forsake her, and she will keep you;

- love her, and she will guard you.
- ⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,
and whatever else you get, get insight.
- ⁸ Prize her highly, and she will exalt you;
she will honor you if you embrace her.
- ⁹ She will place on your head a fair garland;
she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.”
- ¹⁰ Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- ¹¹ I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- ¹² When you walk, your step will not be hampered;
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- ¹³ Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- ¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Canticles: Evening Service 'Collegium Regale' - Howells

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 1 John 3.16 – 4.6

. ¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus^[a] is not from God.

And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world.

⁴ Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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: O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem - Howells

Prayers (ending in the Grace)