

Evensong, Sunday February 21st 2021

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.*

Welcome to this service of Evensong from the Church of St Alphege, Solihull.
Today is the First Sunday in Lent.

Psalm 119 vv 17-32

Retribuere servo tuo

17. *O DO well unto thy servant: that I may live, and keep thy word.*
18. *Open thou mine eyes: that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.*
19. *I am a stranger upon earth: O hide not thy commandments from me.*
20. *My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire: that it hath alway unto thy judgements.*
21. *Thou hast rebuked the proud: and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.*
22. *O turn from me shame and rebuke: for I have kept thy testimonies.*
23. *Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.*
24. *For thy testimonies are my delight: and my counsellors.*

Adhaesit pavimento

25. *MY SOUL cleaveth to the dust: O quicken thou me, according to thy word.*
26. *I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me: O teach me thy statutes.*
27. *Make me to understand the way of thy commandments: and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.*
28. *My soul melteth away for very heaviness: comfort thou me according unto thy word.*
29. *Take from me the way of lying: and cause thou me to make much of thy law.*
30. *I have chosen the way of truth: and thy judgements have I laid before me.*
31. *I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O Lord, confound me not.*
32. *I will run the way of thy commandments: when thou hast set my heart at liberty.*

GLORIA

First Lesson Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,^[a] knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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 - Romans 5.12-19

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 Catholic 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,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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

(music)

Prayers