

Evensong, Sunday February 28th 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 2nd Sunday in Lent.

Psalm 135

Laudate Nomen

1. O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord: praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
2. Ye that stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
3. O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
4. For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself: and Israel for his own possession.
5. For I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
6. Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth: and in the sea, and in all deep places.
7. He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world: and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
8. He smote the first-born of Egypt: both of man and beast.
9. He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt: upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
10. He smote divers nations: and slew mighty kings;
11. Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan: and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12. And gave their land to be an heritage: even an heritage unto Israel his people.
13. Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever: so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
14. For the Lord will avenge his people: and be gracious unto his servants.
15. As for the images of the heathen, they are but silver and gold: the work of men's hands.
16. They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, but they see not.
17. They have ears, and yet they hear not: neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18. They that make them are like unto them: and so are all they that put their trust in them.
19. Praise the Lord, ye house of Israel: praise the Lord, ye house of Aaron.
20. Praise the Lord, ye house of Levi: ye that fear the Lord, praise the Lord.
21. Praised be the Lord out of Sion: who dwelleth at Jerusalem. GLORIA

First Lesson Genesis 12.1-9

12 1. Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak^[b] of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring^[c] I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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 - Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

1. Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith^[a] our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.^[b]

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked

forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.^[e] ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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,

you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,

that they may return to the way of righteousness:

grant to all those who are admitted

into the fellowship of Christ's religion,

that they may reject those things

that are contrary to their profession,

and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;

through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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