

## Evensong, Sunday March 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Eastertide.

### Psalm 142

*Voce mea ad Dominum*

1. I CRIED unto the Lord with my voice: yea, even unto the Lord did I make my supplication.
2. I poured out my complaints before him: and shewed him of my trouble.
3. When my spirit was in heaviness thou knewest my path: in the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.
4. I looked also upon my right hand: and saw there was no man that would know me.
5. I had no place to flee unto: and no man cared for my soul.
6. I cried unto thee, O Lord, and said: Thou art my hope, and my portion in the land of the living.
7. Consider my complaint: for I am brought very low.
8. O deliver me from my persecutors: for they are too strong for me.
9. Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy Name: which thing if thou wilt grant me, then shall the righteous resort unto my company. . **GLORIA**

### First Lesson - Deuteronomy 7.7-13

<sup>7</sup> It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup> It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, <sup>10</sup> and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, observe diligently the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> If you heed these ordinances, by diligently observing them, the LORD your God will maintain with you the covenant loyalty that he swore to your ancestors; <sup>13</sup> he will love you, bless you, and multiply you; he will bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock, in the land that he swore to your ancestors to give you.

## *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 Revelation 2. 1-11**

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands:

2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. 3 I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember then from what you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this is to your credit: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers, I will give permission to eat from the tree of life that is in the paradise of God.

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of the first and the last, who was dead and came to life: 9 “I know your affliction and your poverty, even though you are rich. I know the slander on the part of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Beware, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Whoever conquers will not be harmed by the second death.

## *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,<sup>[b]</sup>  
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.

## 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.*

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 Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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*

## Music

### Prayers ending in the Grace