

## Evensong, Sunday 16 May 2021

Welcome to this service of Evensong from the Church of St Alphege, Solihull. Today is the Seventh Sunday in Eastertide, the Sunday after Ascension Day.

### First Versicles & Responses

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 147 vv1-12

#### *Laudate Dominum*

1. O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
3. He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4. He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
6. The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
7. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
9. Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
11. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.
12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion. **GLORIA**

## First Lesson: Isaiah 61

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
<sup>6</sup> but you shall be called priests of the LORD,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
and in their riches you shall glory.  
<sup>7</sup> Because their<sup>[a]</sup> shame was double,  
and dishonor was proclaimed as their lot,  
therefore they shall possess a double portion;  
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

<sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;<sup>[b]</sup>  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
<sup>9</sup> Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
<sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
<sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

### **Magnificat**

My soul + doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour:  
For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
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.*

### **The Second Lesson: Luke 4.14-21**

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

### **Nunc Dimittis**

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;  
Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

### **The 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,  
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.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Versicles and Responses

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..*

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. And grant us thy salvation.

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.

Answer. And bless thine inheritance.

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collects

### Collect of the Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collect

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,

### **3rd Collect**

Lighten our darkness, be beseech thee O Lord and by thy great goodness defend us from the perils and danger of this night, for the sake of thy only Son, our saviour Jesus Christ.  
AMEN

### **Sermon**

### **Music**

### **Prayers, ending in the Grace**