

Evensong, Sunday 9 May 2021

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

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 45

Eruclavit cor meum

1. MY HEART is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
2. My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.
3. Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.
4. Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.
5. Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
6. Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.
7. Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
8. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
9. All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
10. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.
11. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
12. So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
13. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.
14. The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.
15. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.
16. With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's palace.
17. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
18. I will remember thy Name from one generation to another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end. **GLORIA**

First Lesson: Song of Solomon 4.16-5.2; 8.6,7

4 ¹⁶ Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind!
Blow upon my garden that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.
Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits

5 ¹ I come to my garden, my sister, my bride; I gather my myrrh with my spice,
I eat my honeycomb with my honey, I drink my wine with my milk. Eat, friends, drink, and be
drunk with love.

² I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking.
“Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one;
for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.”

8 ⁶ Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
⁷ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love all the wealth of one’s house, it would be utterly scorned.

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: Rev. 3.14-end

¹⁴ “And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin^[a] of God’s creation: ¹⁵ “I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ For you say, ‘I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.’ You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. ¹⁸ Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. ¹⁹ I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. ²⁰ Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. ²¹ To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

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.

2nd 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

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

2nd 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 Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN

Sermon

Music

My Beloved Spake - Hadley

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise my love, my fair one and come away.

Prayers, ending in the Grace