

## Evensong, Sunday 20 June 2021

Welcome to this service of Evensong from St Alphege Church Solihull. Today is the 3rd Sunday after Trinity, but this evening we are also celebrating Father's 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 103

*Benedic, anima mea*

1. PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;
3. Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;
4. Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
7. He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.
8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. He will not always be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
12. Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.
13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
14. For he knoweth whereof we are made: he remembereth that we are but dust.
15. The days of man are but as grass: for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
16. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone: and the place thereof shall know it no more.
17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him: and his righteousness upon children's children;
18. Even upon such as keep his covenant: and think upon his commandments to do them.

19. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven: and his kingdom ruleth over all.  
 20. O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.  
 21. O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts: ye servants of his that do his pleasure.  
 22. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: praise thou the Lord, O my soul. **GLORIA**

### **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6.4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem<sup>[b]</sup> on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **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 Ephesians 6. 11-18**

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our<sup>[b]</sup> struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these,<sup>[c]</sup> take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

## 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. **GLORIA.**

## 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

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

**Amen**

### 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, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. AMEN

### 3rd Collect

Lighten our darkness, we 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 – Sing Joyfully, Byrd**

## PRAYERS

**Organ Voluntary: Trio Sonata No.4 (1<sup>st</sup> movt.) (BWV 528) J.S.Bach**