

Choral Evensong

Sunday 2 May 2021

Order of Service

Evensong, Sunday 2 May 2021

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

First Versicles

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 96

Cantate Domino

1. O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
2. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his honour unto the heathen: and his wonders unto all people.
4. For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised: he is more to be feared than all gods.
5. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
6. Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.
7. Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
8. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name: bring presents, and come into his courts.
9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
10. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth. GLORIA

First Lesson

First Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-14

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,^[a]
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

⁷ All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall be acceptable on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.

⁸ Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?

⁹ For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

¹⁰ Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favor I have had mercy on you.

¹¹ Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,

so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
 with their kings led in procession.
 12 For the nation and kingdom
 that will not serve you shall perish;
 those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
 the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
 to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
 and I will glorify where my feet rest.
 14 The descendants of those who oppressed you
 shall come bending low to you,
 and all who despised you
 shall bow down at your feet;
 they shall call you the City of the LORD,
 the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

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.
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The Second Lesson: Rev. 3. 1-13

“And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

“I know your works; you have a name of being alive, but you are dead. ²Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is on the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. ³Remember then what you received and heard; obey it,

and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. ⁴ Yet you have still a few persons in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy.

⁵ If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. ⁶ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

⁷ “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of the holy one, the true one,
who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut,
who shuts and no one opens:

⁸ “I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. ⁹ I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but are lying—I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. ¹⁰ Because you have kept my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. ¹¹ I am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. ¹² If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. ¹³ 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

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..

Responses

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

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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, 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

Anthem – God Omnipotent Reigneth, Wood

Prayers

Organ Voluntary