



Mattins with Holy Communion

Advent III (Gaudete Sunday)

13th December 2020 at 11.00am

Organ Music before the Service **L Vierne** *Adagio* from Symphony No.3

WELCOME

Fr Stephen

THE INTROIT

REJOICE ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; Let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

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. Rejoice ye in the Lord ...

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES (spoken)

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew 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, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ve the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

THE VENITE

COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves glad in him with Psalms. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

¶ Please sit

THE FIRST LESSON (read by Glenda Teasdale)

The first lesson is written the first chapter of the Book of the prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

AND in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

Here endeth the first lesson.

PSALM 62

Y SOUL truly waiteth still upon God: for of him cometh my salvation. He verily is my strength and my salvation: he is my defence, so that I shall not greatly fall. How long will ye imagine mischief against every man: ye shall be slain all the sort of you; yea, as a tottering wall shall ye be, and like a broken hedge. Their device is only how to put him out whom God will exalt: their delight is in lies; they give good words with their mouth, but curse with their heart. Nevertheless, my soul, wait thou still upon God: for my hope is in him. He truly is my strength and my salvation: he is my defence, so that I shall not fall. In God is my health, and my glory: the rock of my might, and in God is my trust. O put your trust in him alway, ye people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our hope. As for the children of men,

they are but vanity: the children of men are deceitful upon the weights, they are altogether lighter than vanity itself. O trust not in wrong and robbery, give not yourselves unto vanity: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them. God spake once, and twice I have also heard the same: that power belongeth unto God; And that thou, Lord, art merciful: for thou rewardest every man according to his work.

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 SECOND LESSON (read by Finn Jarvis)

The second lesson is written in the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to St Luke, beginning at the fifty-seventh verse.

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

THE BENEDICTUS

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hand of all that hate us. To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us; That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies: might serve him without fear; In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life. And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

¶ Please stand

▼ 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.

¶ Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS

Othee: Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever.

Amen.

ORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of thy people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of thy Holy Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired: Vivienne Lake (Priest), Maureen Dobson, Martin Seekings and Dianne Fraser; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of their afflictions. All this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake.

Amen.

ORD Jesus Christ, who hast given thy life to redeem us, Thyself for our example, Thy word for our rule, Thy grace for our guide, Thy body on the cross for the sin of our souls; Enter in and take possession of our hearts; and dwell with us for ever.

Amen.

THE SERMON

Revd Dr Alex Jensen

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THE OFFERTORY PROPER

THE righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree: and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Offertory Hymn NEH 5 - Hark a herald voice is calling

ARK! A herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say; 'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'

- 2 Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise; Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,

 Comes with pardon down from heaven;
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,

 One and all to be forgiven;
- 4 So when next he comes in glory,
 And earth's final hour draws near,
 May he then as our defender
 On the clouds of heaven appear.

5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son, With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen.

¶ Please sit or kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

E that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

LMIGHTY God,

AFather of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartly sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith them. them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ Please stand

THE SURSUM CORDA HE Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (setting by Charles Wood)

TOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our

Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI (setting by Charles Wood)

Camb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the Face of the Lord to prepare his ways.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Amen.

- In accordance with the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion is administered in both kinds i.e the consecrated Bread and Wine. During the current pandemic, this can only be offered by intinction ie the consecrated wafer dipped in the consecrated wine, as the sharing of the Common Cup (Chalice) by sipping the consecrated wine is not permitted.
 - If you would prefer to receive the Holy Communion in one kind, being the Bread alone, (recognising that Our Lord is wholly present sacramentally in each of the elements), please come forward at the beginning of the administration.
 - If you would prefer to receive the Holy Communion in both kinds ie both the consecrated bread and wine by intinction, please come forward towards the end of the administration.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Jacob Arcadelt Ave Maria

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Amen.

Communion Hymn NEH 294 Just as I am

JUST as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings within, and fears without,
- Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea all I need, in thee to find,

- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve: Because thy promise I believe,
- 5 Just as I am (thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down), Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
- 6 Just as I am, of that free love The breadth, length, depth and height to prove, Here for a season then above, O Lamb of God, I come.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

ORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.



Recessional Hymn NEH 10 Long ago, prophets knew



Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.:

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! When he comes, When he comes, Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
 This is God's timeless plan:
 He will come, as a man,
 Born himself of woman,
 God divinely human.

- 3 Mary, hail! Though afraid, She believed, she obeyed. In her womb God is laid; Till the time expected Nurtured and protected.
- 4 Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star, Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing! Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!

Organ Voluntary JS Bach *Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV551*



An Advent wreath with the customary single rose-coloured candle for Gaudete Sunday