

Worship at a distance

Evensong: Trinity 17 2020

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Welcome and Introduction

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 S. John 1. 8, 9.

Hymn.

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
'til thy mercy's beams I see;
'til they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done;

and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.

Restore thou them that are penitent;

according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ferial versicles and responses (sung)

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 ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 132

*We will say the psalm antiphonally, by which we
mean that the leader will say the odd-numbered
verses and the congregation say the even-
numbered verses.*

We all say the Gloria together.

¹ I will praise thee with my whole heart:
before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

² **I will worship toward thy holy temple, and
praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and
for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word
above all thy name.**

³ In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,
and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O
Lord, when they hear the words of thy mouth.**

⁵ Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord:
for great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect
unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar
off.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt
revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand
against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right
hand shall save me.

⁸ **The Lord will perfect that which concerneth
me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever:
forsake not the works of thine own hands.**

**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.**

Old Testament Reading from Jeremiah 7:1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Stand at the gate of the Lord's house and there proclaim this message:

"Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah who come through these gates to worship the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Reform your ways and your actions, and I will let you live in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words and say, "This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord!" If you really change your ways and your actions and deal with each other justly, if you do not oppress the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow and do not shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not follow other gods to your own harm, then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors for ever and ever. But look, you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless.

"Will you steal and murder, commit adultery and perjury, burn incense to Baal and follow other gods you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which bears my Name, and say, "We are safe"—safe to do all these detestable things? Has this house, which bears my Name, become a den of robbers to you? But I have been watching! declares the Lord."

Office Hymn

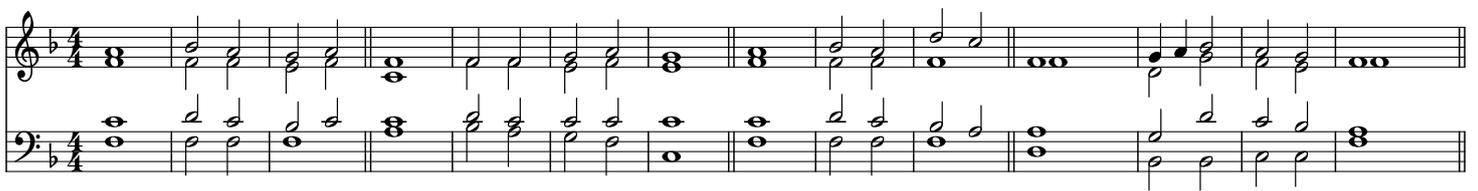
Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying "Christian, follow me."

As, of old, apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.



Magnificat

We sing the starting syllable for each verse slightly longer and the vertical bar “|” indicates where the note changes. We have a slight pause for breath at the asterisk “”. The phrase “and holy is his name” is sung softly. Because there are an odd number of verses, we use the second part of the tune for the next verse.*

My soul doth magni- | fy the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re- | joiced in | God my |
Saviour.

For he | hath re- | garded :
the lowliness | of his | hand- | maiden.

For be- | hold, from | henceforth :
all gener- | ations shall | call me | bless-ed.
For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me :
(softly) and | holy is his | name.

(second part) And his mercy is on | them that |
fear him : throughout | all | gener- | ations.

He hath shewed strength | with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin- | ation |
of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex- | alted the | humble and | meek.

He hath filled the hungry with |
good | things :
and the rich he hath | sent | empty
a- | way.

He remembering his mercy hath
holpen his | servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers * ,
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

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. | A- | men.



New Testament Reading from Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

We sing the Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in |
peace : ac- | cording to thy | word.

For mine | eyes have | seen :
thy | - sal- | va- | tion;

Which thou | hast pre- | par-ed :
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. | A- | men.

Apostles' 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 catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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, 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.
Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

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

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

The Collect for Peace

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.

Collect for Aid against all Perils

**Lighten our darkness,
we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Reflection

We sing

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my saviour God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades

I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,

Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,

That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,

He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation,

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Collect for the Queen

Almighty and everlasting God,
we are taught by thy holy Word,
that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and
governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn
them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom:
we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and
govern the heart of *Elizabeth* thy Servant,
our *Queen* and Governor, that, in all her thoughts,
words, and works,
she may ever seek thy honour and glory,
and study to preserve thy people committed to
her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness:
grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's
sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who alone workest great marvels,
send down upon our bishops and curates,
and all congregations committed to their charge,
the healthful spirit of thy grace;
and that they may truly please thee,
pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate
and mediator, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Almighty God,
who hast given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common
supplications unto thee; and dost promise that
when two or three are gathered together in thy
Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O
Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as
may be most expedient for them; granting us in
this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world
to come life everlasting.
Amen.

Let us say the grace for each other:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

We sing our final hymn:

Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that thou art near us
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

Yea, we know thy love rejoices
o'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise combine;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure didst design.

Here, great God, today we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Francis Pott

The Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.