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CATHEDRAL
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Evensong

3rd Sunday of Lent; 12 March 2023

Officiant: The Rev'd Canon Jenny Chalmers, *Precentor*

Preacher: The Rev'd Deborah Broome

Reader: Alison Thomson

Director of Music: Anthony Tattersall

Setting: *Magnificat and Nunc Dimitis in A, Sumsion*

Precis and responses: *Smith*

Anthem: *Salvator Mundi, Blow*

Introit: *Civitas Sancti Byrd*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all people such things as their well being doth require.

Wherefore let us, in silence remember God's presence with us now.

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed to 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

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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

Minister: O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister: O God, make speed to save us;

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Minister: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn: *Angel voices ever singing...*

**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**4. In thy house, great God, 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.**

**5. 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.**

Words: F Pott
Tune: ANGEL VOICES. E G Monk

Please sit

PSALM 40

1. I waited patiently* for the * Lord : and he inclined unto * me and * heard my * calling.
2. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the * mire and * clay : and set my feet upon the rock, and * ordered * my * goings.
3. And he hath put a new * song in my * mouth : even a * thanks • giving * unto our * God.
4. Many shall * see it and * fear : and shall * put their * trust in he * Lord.
5. Blessed is the man that hath set his * hope in the * Lord : and turned not unto the proud, and to such as * go a*bout with * lies.
6. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which * are to * us-ward : and yet there is no man that * ordereth them * unto * thee.
7. If I should de*clare them and * speak of them : they should be more than I am * able * to ex*press.
8. Sacrifice and meat-offering thou * wouldest * not : but mine * ears hast * thou * opened.
9. Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou * not re*quired : then * said I * Lo I * come,
10. In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will * O my * God : I am content to do it, yea thy law * is with*in my * heart.
11. I have declared thy righteousness in the great * congre*gation : lo I will not refrain my lips O * Lord and * that thou * knowest.
12. I have not hid thy righteousness with*in my * heart : my talk hath been of thy * truth and of * thy sal*vation.
13. I have not kept back thy loving * mercy and * truth : from the * great * congre*gation.
14. Withdraw not thou thy mercy from * me O * Lord : let thy loving-kindness and thy * truth * always pre*serve me.
15. For innumerable troubles are come about me, my sins have taken such hold upon me, that I am not able to * look * up : yea they are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my * heart hath * failed * me.
16. O Lord let it be thy * pleasure • to de*liver me : make * haste O * Lord to * help me.
17. Let them be ashamed and confounded together, that seek after my soul * to de*troy it : let them be driven backward and put to re*buke that * wish me * evil.
18. Let them be desolate and re*warded with * shame : that say unto me, Fie up*on thee * fie up*on thee.
19. Let all those that seek thee be joyful and * glad in * thee : and let such as love thy salvation say * always The * Lord be * prasièd.
20. As for me I am * poor and * needy : but the * Lord * careth * for me.
21. Thou art my helper * and re*deemer : make no long * tarrying * O my * God.

Please stand

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: Amos 7:10-17 *Reader: Alison Thomson*

Amaziah Complains to the King

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land." '

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

'Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel,
and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

"Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,

Please stand

MAGNIFICAT

MY soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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.

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 SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Reader Alison Thomson

Salutation

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Thanksgiving after Affliction

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

Please stand

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 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ. have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Minister and People together.

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.

Minister: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O Lord, save the King;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all enemies: through Christ Jesus our Lord, **Amen**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness: through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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.**

The Third 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.**

Anthem: *Salvator Mundi* Blow

Sermon: *The Rev'd Deborah Broome*

Hymn: *Come down O love divine...*

**1. Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2. O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3. And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Words: Bianco da Siena
Tune DOWN AMPNEY. R V Williams

Please sit

Intercessions *concluding with*

PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM.

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.**

Please stand

THE GRACE

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

People. **Amen.**

Hymn: *Guide me, O my great Redeemer...*

**1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,**

ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

Words: W Williams
Tune: Cym Rhonda J Hughes

