

EVENING PRAYER The Third Sunday before Lent Sunday 13th February 2022

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Organ Prelude: Adagio from 5e Symphonie Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)



Hark, my soul, it is the Lord; 'tis thy Saviour, hear his word; Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee, 'Say, poor, sinner, lov'st thou me?

'I delivered thee when bound, and, when bleeding, healed thy wound; sought thee wandering, set thee right, turned thy darkness into light.

'Mine is an unchanging love, higher than the heights above, deeper than the depths beneath, free and faithful, strong as death.'

Lord, it is my chief complaint that my love is weak and faint; yet I love thee, and adore: O for grace to love thee more! Words: William Cowper (1731-1800) based on John 21:15 & Isaiah 49:15 (v.3)

Tune (ICH 569): ST BEES John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)

Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:**

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.**

Please remain standing to say **PSALM 69 v1-19**:

Save me, O God:

for the waters are come in, even unto my soul.

I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is:

I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me.

I am weary of crying; my throat is dry:

my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head:

they that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty.

I paid them the things that I never took:

God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

Let not them that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause:

let not those that seek thee be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel.

And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face.

I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mother's children.

For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me:

and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

I wept, and chastened myself with fasting:

and that was turned to my reproof.

I put on sackcloth also:

and they jested upon me.

They that sit in the gate speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me.

But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee:

in an acceptable time.

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire, that I sink not:

O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is comfortable:

turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee, and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul, and save it: O deliver me, because of mine enemies.

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 for the **FIRST LESSON:** Hosea 1:1-11

The word of the LORD that came to Hosea son of Beeri, in the days of Kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah of Judah, and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel.

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, 'Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the LORD.' So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the LORD said to him, 'Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.'

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, 'Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.'

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, 'Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.'

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people', it shall be said to them, 'Children of the living God.' The people of Judah and the people of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head; and they shall take possession of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

Please stand to say the **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 for the **SECOND LESSON:** Colossians 3:1-22

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new

self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart. Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything, not only while being watched and in order to please them, but wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord.

Please stand to say the **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. Standing, we face east to recite 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, 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.

Please kneel or sit

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:

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All respond: Amen.

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.

All respond: 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.

All respond: Amen.

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN 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.

All respond: Amen.

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

All respond: Amen.

Please stand to sing HYMN 522:





In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord, close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith, whate'er your race may be! Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet North and South; all Christlike souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham [W.A. Dunkerly] (1852-1941) Tune NEH 15: ST STEPHEN William Jones (1726-1800)

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 Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Response: Amen.

Please remain standing as the clergy depart

Organ Postlude: Intermezzo Hugh Blair (1864-1932)

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I I.00am Choral Eucharist Preacher: Mrs Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Lay Reader

> 3.30pm Choral Evensong For Scouting's "Founder's Day"

Revision of the Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members

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Please Note: The Revision Meeting for the Cathedral Register of Vestry Members will be held by Zoom at 5.15pm on Thursday 24th February, 2022. Members are entitled, but not required to attend. Anyone who wishes to attend may e-mail Cate at admin@belfastcathedral.org requesting access details by Tuesday 22nd February.

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