

SOLEMN EVENSONG WITH THE LITANY IN PROCESSION

Sunday 24th March 2024 The Sixth Sunday in Lent | Palm Sunday 4.00pm

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the Procession enters.

INTROIT

Choir Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.

Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;

Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,

but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Words: John Redford (?-1547)

Music: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Please remain standing. The cantor and choir sing:

THE PRECES

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir 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, is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

PSALM 69, 1-18

Save me O God:

for the waters are come up even unto my throat.

I sink down in the deep mire where no ground is:

I am come into deep waters and the floods run over me.

I am weary with crying, my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God.

They that hate me wrongfully are more than the hairs of my head: they that are mine enemies without a cause and would destroy me are too mighty for me.

They bid me restore things that I never took: God thou knowest my foolishness, and my faults are not hid from thee.

Let not them that wait for thee O Lord God of hosts be ashamed because of me: let not them that seek thee be confounded through me O God of Israel.

Surely for thy sake have I suffered reproach: for thy sake shame hath covered my face.

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

Because zeal for thine house hath consumed me: and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

I wept and chastened myself with fasting: and that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sack-cloth also: and I became a by-word unto them.

They that sit in the gate murmur against me: and the drunkards make songs about 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 sure mercy of thy salvation.

Take me out of the mire that I sink not:

O let me be delivered from the slime and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-floods sweep over me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.

Hear me O Lord for thy loving-kindness is good: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies,

And hide not thy face from thy servant:

O haste thee and hear me when I am in trouble.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Spirit;

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

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader The First Lesson is taken from the fifth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Isaiah 5.1-7

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand:

Choir

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 showed 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.

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: The Short Service
Christopher Tye (c.1505-73)

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader The Second Lesson is taken from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Mark, beginning at the first verse.

Then he began to speak to them in parables. 'A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watch-tower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But those tenants said to one another, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours." So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?"

When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

Mark 12.1-12

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand.

Choir 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 peoples. 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.

Words: Luke 2, 29

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please remain standing and face the High Altar:

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 is seated at 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 LITANY

Let us pray.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; be gracious unto us; spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. *Spare us, Good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth and idleness; from worldliness, greed, and covetousness; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment, Good Lord, deliver us.

From fornication and all other carnal sin; from and the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle, violence and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgement,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to enlighten all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear gladly thy holy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the State

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to keep and strengthen thy servant Charles our King that he may serve thee in righteousness and holiness of life;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the High Court of Parliament, and all the Ministers of the Crown, with grace, wisdom and understanding; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to enlighten all Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless with thy grace all who bear authority in this place; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to this and to all nations unity, peace, and concord; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all people according to their needs

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted; and to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet:

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to help and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land, air, or water; all sick persons, and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, widows and orphans, the old and the lonely, and all who are homeless, desolate, or oppressed; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all people; We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to provide for our use the fruits of the earth, that we and all people may thankfully enjoy them;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God;

We beseech thee to hear 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.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, mercifully hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards us has sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

- All 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. Amen.

The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral in silence.



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