

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 30 July 2023



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

sung by the choir of All Saints Church, Fulham

Preces and Responses: Martin Neary (b. 1940)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Gloucester Service*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

When rooks fly homeward
And shadows fall,
When roses fold
On the hay-yard wall,
"When blind moths flutter
By door and tree,
Then comes the quiet
Of Christ to me.

When stars look out
On the Children's Path,
And grey mists gather
On carn and rath,
When night is one
With the brooding sea,
Then comes the quiet
Of Christ to me.

Words: Joseph Campbell (1881-1944)

Music: Arthur Baynon (1889-1954)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

OFFICE HYMN



O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all;

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:**

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

**But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: LUCIS CREATOR NEH 150 (t. i)
Mode viii*

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks:
yea, unto thee do we give thanks.
Thy Name also is so nigh:
and that do thy wondrous works declare.
When I receive the congregation:
I shall judge according unto right.
The earth is weak, and all the inhabitants thereof:
I bear up the pillars of it.
I said unto the fools, Deal not so madly:
and to the ungodly, Set not up your horn.
Set not up your horn on high:
and speak not with a stiff neck.
For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west:
nor yet from the south.
And why? God is the Judge:
he putteth down one, and setteth up another.
For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red:
it is full mixed, and he poureth out of the same.
As for the dregs thereof:
all the ungodly of the earth shall drink them, and suck them out.
But I will talk of the God of Jacob:
and praise him for ever.
All the horns of the ungodly also will I break:
and the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

In Jewry is God known:
his Name is great in Israel.
At Salem is his tabernacle:
and his dwelling in Sion.
There brake he the arrows of the bow:
the shield, the sword, and the battle.
Thou art of more honour and might:
than the hills of the robbers.
The proud are robbed, they have slept their sleep:
and all the men whose hands were mighty have found nothing.
At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob:
both the chariot and horse are fallen.

Thou, even thou art to be feared:
and who may stand in thy sight when thou art angry?
Thou didst cause thy judgement to be heard from heaven:
the earth trembled, and was still,
When God arose to judgement:
and to help all the meek upon earth.
The fierceness of man shall turn to thy praise:
and the fierceness of them shalt thou refrain.
Promise unto the Lord your God, and keep it, all ye that are round
about him:
bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
He shall refrain the spirit of princes:
and is wonderful among the kings of the earth.

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.

Chants: John Joubert (1927-2019) & Martin How (1931-2022)

Please sit

Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon, 'Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes, obey my ordinances, and keep all my commandments by walking in them, then I will establish my promise with you, which I made to your father David. I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.'

So Solomon built the house, and finished it.

In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive wood, each ten cubits high. Five cubits was the length of one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the length of the other wing of the cherub; it was ten cubits from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. The other cherub also measured ten cubits; both cherubim had the same measure and the same form. The height of one cherub was ten cubits, and so was that of the other cherub. He put the cherubim in the innermost part of the house; the wings of the cherubim were spread out so that a wing of one was touching one wall, and a wing of the other cherub was touching the other wall; their other wings towards the centre of the house were touching wing to wing. He also overlaid the cherubim with gold.

He carved the walls of the house all round about with carved engravings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, in the inner and outer rooms. The floor of the house he overlaid with gold, in the inner and outer rooms.

For the entrance to the inner sanctuary he made doors of olive wood; the lintel and the doorposts were five-sided. He covered the two doors of olive wood with carvings of cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers; he overlaid them with gold, and spread gold on the cherubim and on the palm trees.

So also he made for the entrance to the nave doorposts of olive wood, each four-sided, and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. He carved cherubim, palm trees, and open flowers, overlaying them with gold evenly applied upon the carved work. He built the inner court with three courses of dressed stone to one course of cedar beams.

In the fourth year the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid, in the month of Ziv. In the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished in all its parts, and according to all its specifications. He was seven years in building it.

SECOND READING

Acts 12: 1–17

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, 'You are out of your mind!' But she insisted that it was so. They said, 'It is his angel.' Meanwhile, Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, 'Tell this to James and to the believers.' Then he left and went to another place.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (*see page 7 of Evensong booklet*)

including

COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in
heaven and earth;
We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things,
and to give us those things which be profitable for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

There is an old belief,
that on some solemn shore,
beyond the sphere of grief
dear friends shall meet once more.

Beyond the sphere of Time
and Sin, and Fate's control,
serene and changeless
prime of body and of soul

That creed I fain would keep;
that hope I'll ne'er forgo.
Eternal be the sleep,
if not to waken so.

Words: John Gibson Lockhart (1794-1854)

Music: Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

HOMILY *given by the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan, Dean of Southwell*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



1. Oft in danger, oft in woe,
onward Christians, onward go;
bear the toil, maintain the strife,
strengthened with the Bread of Life.

2. Onward Christians, onward go,
join the war, and face the foe;
will ye flee in danger's hour?
know ye not your Captain's power.

3. Let your drooping hearts be glad;
march in heavenly armour clad;
fight, nor think the battle long,
victory soon shall tune your song.

4. Let not sorrow dim your eye,
soon shall every tear be dry;
let not fears your course impede,
great your strength, if great your need.

5. Onward then in battle move;
more than conquerors ye shall prove;
though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go.

Words: Henry Kirke White (1785-1806)
and others

Tune: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE NEH 434
Henry John Gauntlett (1805-76)

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