

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 3 September 2023



3.30pm Evensong

sung by the Minster Chorale

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in F*, Peter Aston (1938-2013)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Adagio in E

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob: and thy tabernacles, O Israel.
As the valleys are they spread forth: as gardens by the river side.

Words: Numbers 24: 5-6

Music: Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-89)

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*

O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name:
 tell the people what things he hath done.
 O let your songs be of him, and praise him:
 and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.
 Rejoice in his holy Name:
 let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.
 Seek the Lord and his strength:
 seek his face evermore.
 Remember the marvellous works that he hath done:
 his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,
 O ye seed of Abraham his servant:
 ye children of Jacob his chosen.
 He is the Lord our God:
 his judgements are in all the world.
 He hath been alway mindful of his covenant and promise:
 that he made to a thousand generations;
 Even the covenant that he made with Abraham:
 and the oath that he sware unto Isaac;
 And appointed the same unto Jacob for a law:
 and to Israel for an everlasting testament;
 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan:
 the lot of your inheritance;
 When there were yet but a few of them:
 and they strangers in the land;
 What time as they went from one nation to another:
 from one kingdom to another people;
 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
 but reprov'd even kings for their sakes;
 Touch not mine Anointed:
 and do my prophets no harm.

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.

Chant: Charles Harford Lloyd (1849-1919)

Please sit

Some time later King Ben-hadad of Aram mustered his entire army; he marched against Samaria and laid siege to it. As the siege continued, famine in Samaria became so great that a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver.

Now there were four leprous men outside the city gate, who said to one another, 'Why should we sit here until we die? If we say, "Let us enter the city", the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; but if we sit here, we shall also die. Therefore, let us desert to the Aramean camp; if they spare our lives, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.' So they arose at twilight to go to the Aramean camp; but when they came to the edge of the Aramean camp, there was no one there at all. For the Lord had caused the Aramean army to hear the sound of chariots and of horses, the sound of a great army, so that they said to one another, 'The king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Egypt to fight against us.' So they fled away in the twilight and abandoned their tents, their horses, and their donkeys, leaving the camp just as it was, and fled for their lives. When these leprous men had come to the edge of the camp, they went into a tent, ate and drank, carried off silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid them. Then they came back, entered another tent, carried off things from it, and went and hid them.

Then they said to one another, 'What we are doing is wrong. This is a day of good news; if we are silent and wait until the morning light, we will be found guilty; therefore let us go and tell the king's household.' So they came and called to the gatekeepers of the city, and told them, 'We went to the Aramean camp, but there was no one to be seen or heard there, nothing but the horses tied, the donkeys tied, and the tents as they were.' Then the gatekeepers called out and proclaimed it to the king's household. The king got up in the night, and said to his servants, 'I will tell you what the Arameans have prepared against us. They know that we are starving; so they have left the camp to hide themselves in the open country, thinking, "When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive and get into the city." ' One of his servants said, 'Let some men take five of the remaining horses, since those left here will suffer the fate of the whole multitude of Israel that have perished already; let us send and find out.' So they took two mounted men, and the king sent them after the Aramean army, saying, 'Go and find out.' So they went after them as far as the Jordan; the whole way was littered with garments and equipment that the Arameans had thrown away in their haste. So the messengers returned, and told the king.

Then the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Arameans. So a measure of choice meal was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord. Now the king had appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have charge of the gate; the people trampled him to death in the gate, just as the man of God had said when the king came down to him. For when the man of God had said to the king, 'Two measures of barley shall be sold for a shekel, and a measure of choice meal for a shekel, about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria', the captain had answered the man of God, 'Even if the Lord were to make windows in the sky, could such a thing happen?' And he had answered, 'You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat from it.' It did indeed happen to him; the people trampled him to death in the gate.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Acts 18: 1–16

After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together—by trade they were tentmakers. Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

When Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia, Paul was occupied with proclaiming the word, testifying to the Jews that the Messiah was Jesus. When they opposed and reviled him, in protest he shook the dust from his clothes and said to them, 'Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.' Then he left the synagogue and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God; his house was next door to the synagogue. Crispus, the official of the synagogue, became a believer in the Lord, together with all his household; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul became believers and were baptized. One night the Lord said to Paul in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, for there are many in this city who are my people.' He stayed there for a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal. They said, 'This man is persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law.' Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to the Jews, 'If it were a matter of crime or serious villainy, I would be justified in accepting the complaint of you Jews; but since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves; I do not wish to be a judge of these matters.' And he dismissed them from the tribunal.

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and merciful God,
of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true
and laudable service;
Grant, we beseech thee,
that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life,
that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Te lucis ante terminum
Rerum creator poscimus
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis praesul et custodia.

*Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our guard and keeper now.*

Procul recedant somnia
Et noctium phantasmata
Hostemque nostrum comprime
Ne polluantur corpora.

*From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.*

Praesta, Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

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

*Words: Office Hymn at Compline
translated by John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*Music: EVENING HYMN
Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877-1950)*

HOMILY *given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar*

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*

My God, how wonderful thou art (NEH 410)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody No 3

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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