

The Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 4 February 2024



3.30pm Evensong

Preces and Responses: William Byrd (c. 1539-1623)

Setting: *Collegium Sancti Joannis Cantabrigiense*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon. It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet you will find available in the stalls.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Le Verbe (from *La Nativité du Seigneur*)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Glory to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Tune: TALLIS' CANON NEH 244
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

PRECES (see page 4 of Evensong booklet)

The congregation is welcomed by the Canon in Residence.

OFFICE HYMN



A - men.

O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of primal might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

**To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,
For ever and for evermore.**

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting light.

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let glory, praise and worship be
From age to age eternally.
Amen.**

Words: Latin, attributed to St Ambrose (c. 339-397)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.

Tune: O LUX BEATA NEH 54 (t. i)
Mode viii

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer:
unto thee shall all flesh come.
My misdeeds prevail against me:
O be thou merciful unto our sins.
Blessed is the man, whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee:
he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of
thy house, even of thy holy temple.
Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of
our salvation:
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that
remain in the broad sea.
Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains:
and is girded about with power.
Who stilleth the raging of the sea:
and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at
thy tokens:
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to
praise thee.
Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it:
thou makest it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water:
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof:
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
Thou crownest the year with thy goodness:
and thy clouds drop fatness.
They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness:
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
The folds shall be full of sheep:
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh
and sing.

Chant: James Turle (1805-82)

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

‘This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.’

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Luke 8: 22–35

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do;
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all
adversity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God:
for unto thee will I make my prayer.
My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord:
early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

Words: Psalm 5: 2-3

*Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Composed for the Coronation of King George V*

MUSIC FOUNDATION INSTALLATION AND AWARD OF A MEDAL

HOMILY *given by the Revd Sarah Patten,
Diocesan Principal of Wellbeing and Ministerial Development*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

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



Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Words: John Henry Newman (1801-90)

Tune: ALBERTA NEH 392
William Harris (1883-1973)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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