

The First Sunday in Lent

Sunday 18 February 2024



3.30pm Evensong

sung by the Minster Chorale and Bradford Cathedral Consort

Organ Prelude: *Andante* (from *Prelude, Andante and Toccata*), André Fleury (1903-95)

Preces and Responses: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in E flat*, Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon. It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet, the purple Office Hymn booklet, and the Book of Common Prayer and New English Hymnal you will find in the stalls in front of you.

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin, and save thou me by faith from ill, that I may rest and dwell with thee, upon thy holy blessed hill. And that done, grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy affirm the truth, detract no man, but do all things with equity.

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Canon in Residence.

OFFICE HYMN

O kind creator, bow thine ear

(page 10 of Office Hymn booklet)

PSALM 119 (vv. 17-32)

(page 501 in the Book of Common Prayer)

FIRST READING

Genesis 2: 15–17; 3: 1–7

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.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die." ' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Romans 5: 12–19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

and THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:
and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him;
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Amen.

Words: Isaiah 55: 6-7

Music: John Varley Roberts (1841-1920)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Hippisley-Cox, Area Dean of East Bingham*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

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

My God, I love thee; not because

(NEH 73 t.ii)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue sur le nom d'Alain

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86)

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