



ELY CATHEDRAL

Choral Mattins

*The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
commonly called
The Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Sunday 3 February 2019
10.30am

HYMN



1
Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
And we who live in Christ's new day
Must work of darkness put away.

2
Awake and rise, with love renewed,
And with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
And fruits of truth and goodness show.

3
Let in the light; all sin expose
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
His light will judge and, judging, heal.

4
Awake, and rise up from the dead,
And Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
And your whole nature fill with joy.

5
Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
Praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Words: CP 334 J R Peacey 1896-1971, based on Ephesians 5.6-20
Music: *Deus Tuorum Militum* NEH 101 t.ii Grenoble Church Melody
Harmony by Michael Fleming 1928-2006

WELCOME

From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations, saith the Lord.

Malachi 1.11

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

Precentor Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me

Please sit or kneel

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Precentor Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Precentor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Precentor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end Amen.
Precentor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: *Rose*

VENITE *Please sit*
PSALM 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God :
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.
Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :
as in the provocation,
and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
When your fathers tempted me :
proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :
It is a people that do err in their hearts,
for they have not known my ways.
Unto whom I sware in my wrath :
that they should not enter into my rest.

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.

PSALM 48

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth :
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
For lo, the kings of the earth :
are gathered, and gone by together.
They marvelled to see such things :
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :
as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea :
through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God :
God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :
in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end :
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah be glad :
because of thy judgements.
Walk about Sion, and go round about her :
and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :
that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever :
he shall be our guide unto death.

Please stand for the final Gloria

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

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 13.1-16

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses: Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine.

Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the Lord. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt." It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the Lord may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the Lord brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year.

'When the Lord has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your livestock that are males shall be the Lord's. But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. When in the future your child asks you, "What does this mean?" you shall answer, "By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. When Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human firstborn to the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord every male that first opens the womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem." It shall serve as a sign on your hand and as an emblem on your forehead that by strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.'

Here endeth the lesson.

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee: the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honourable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the Comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up for ever. Day by day we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Words: Translation of Te Deum Laudamus in The Book of Common Prayer
Music: Festival Te Deum in E - Britten

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12.1-5

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Here endeth the lesson.

Please stand

BENEDICTUS

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited, and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began; That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy covenant; To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us, That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life. And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins; Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us; To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 1.68-79

Music: Morning Canticles in C - *Stanford 1852-1924*

Please remain standing and turn to face east

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Precentor I believe in God

All the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, 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 sitteth on 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 Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

LESSER LITANY, RESPONSES AND COLLECTS *sung by the choir*

Precentor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Precentor Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

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

The choir sing the Lord's Prayer

Precentor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Precentor O Lord, save the Queen.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Precentor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Precentor Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly beseech thy majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: *Rose*

ANTHEM

I have seen a bright flash,
Quite suddenly, flame forth
And scatter sight,
Making things
So clear before
Appear obscure.

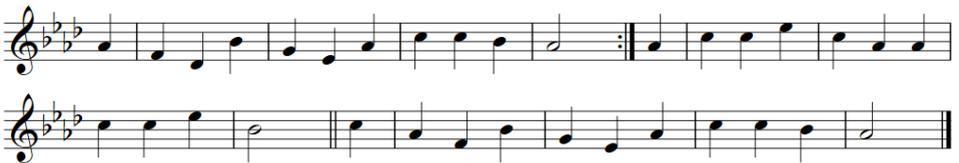
In the very same way
The radiant veils
Of that pure living light
Dazzled me,
And all I could see was shining,
Shining gloriously.

Love always gathers
Like this to greet
The darkened soul contrite,
Yearning to reclaim,
A candle waiting for a flame.
A candle waiting for a light
To lighten and to be
The glory.

Words: Based on Dante, *Paradiso* (Canto 30, lines 46-54), tr. and poeticised by Marcus Tomalin b. 1973
Music: David Bednall b. 1979; commissioned for Ely Cathedral Choir Candlemas 2017

ADDRESS Canon Jessica Martin

HYMN



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unfasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest - to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

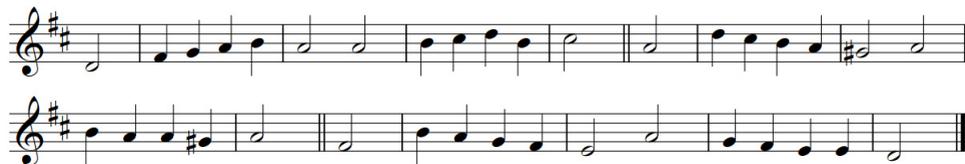
Words: W. Chalmers Smith 1824-1908
Music: *St Denio* NEH 377 Adapted from a Welsh song set to a hymn in John Roberts's *Caniadau y Cyssegr* 1839

THE PRAYERS *Please sit or kneel*

The prayers end with The Grace

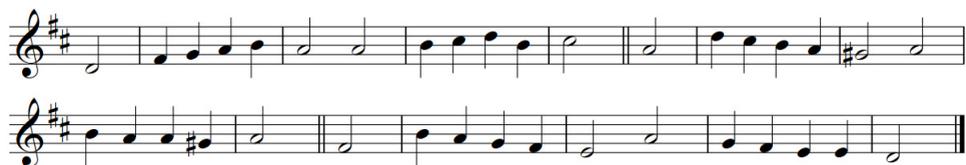
**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

HYMN *Please stand*



1
Hail to the Lord who comes,
Comes to his temple gate!
Not with his angel host,
Not in his kingly state;
No shouts proclaim him nigh,
No crowds his coming wait;

2
But borne upon the throne
Of Mary's gentle breast,
Watched by her duteous love,
In her fond arms at rest;
Thus to his Father's house
He comes, the heavenly guest.



3
There Joseph at her side
In reverent wonder stands;
And, filled with holy joy,
Old Simeon in his hands
Takes up the promised Child,
the glory of all lands.

4
Hail to the great First-born
whose ransom-price they pay!
The Son before all worlds,
The Child of man today,
That he might ransom us
Who still in bondage lay.

5
O Light of all the earth,
Thy children wait for thee!
Come to thy temples here,
That we, from sin set free,
Before thy Father's face
May all presented be!

Words: John Ellerton 1826-93
Music: *Old 120th* NEH 157 melody as in Este's Psalter 1592; harmony almost entirely from
Ravenscroft's Psalms 1621

BLESSING

ORGAN Mit Fried und Freud ich fahr dahin BuxWV 76
Dietrich Buxtehude 1637-1707

A retiring collection is taken