



ELY CATHEDRAL

Evensong

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 17 January 2021

4pm

When the bell rings, please stand. The organ plays

A prayer is said at the crib

We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts, that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for you, but come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you, for as at this time you were born into the world for us, and live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for ever. **Amen.**

WELCOME AND RESPONSES

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Cantor And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Precentor O God, make speed to save us.
Cantor O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end Amen.

Precentor Praise ye the Lord.
Cantor The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: Plainsong

PSALM 96 *Please sit*

- 1 O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name : be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.
- 4 For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols : but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
- 6 Glory and worship are before him : power and honour are in his sanctuary.
- 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.

- 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness : let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10 Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King : and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad : let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it : then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
- 13 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth : and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

Please stand for the 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 *Please sit*
Isaiah 60.9-end

For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favour I have had mercy on you. Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest. The descendants of those who oppressed you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the LORD, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic for ever, a joy from age to age. You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will appoint Peace as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster. Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land for ever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the LORD; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Here endeth the lesson.

OFFICE HYMN 105 *sung by the cantor. Please stand*

1
Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear
Because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant
Thine earthly realm can never want.

2
Lo, sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shone:
Led on by light to Light they press,
And by their gifts their God confess.

5
Then glory, Lord, to thee we pay
For thine Epiphany to-day;
All glory through eternity
To Father, Son, and Spirit be. Amen.

3
The Lamb of God is manifest
Again in Jordan's water blest,
And he who sin had never known
By washing hath our sins undone.

4
Yet he that ruleth everything
Can change the nature of the spring,
And gives at Cana this for sign
The water reddens into wine.

Words: Latin, *Caelius Sedulius* c.450 Tr. Percy Dearmer 1867-1936
Music: *Veni Redemptor* Mode i

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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 1.46-55
Music: *Tone 8*

Please sit

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 6.17-7.10

In the same way, when God desired to show even more clearly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it by an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered, having become a high priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

This 'King Melchizedek of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him'; and to him Abraham apportioned 'one-tenth of everything'. His name, in the first place, means 'king of righteousness'; next he is also king of Salem, that is, 'king of peace'. Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God, he remains a priest for ever.

See how great he is! Even Abraham the patriarch gave him a tenth of the spoils. And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to collect tithes from the people, that is, from their kindred, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man, who does not belong to their ancestry, collected tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had received the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. In the one case, tithes are received by those who are mortal; in the other, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

Here endeth the lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Please stand*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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 2.29-32
Music: *Tone 2*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Please remain standing*

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 Cantor

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

Please sit

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

The cantor sings the Lord's Prayer

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

Precentor Almighty God, who in Christ makest all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of thy grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known thy heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Music: Plainsong

ANTHEM

Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travellers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee;
As Mary's child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Words and Music: Peter Cornelius 1824-74

SERMON

The Dean

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *Please sit*

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.**

BLESSING

ORGAN Prelude and Fugue in A BWV 536 - *J. S. Bach 1685-1750*

ZOOM AND YOUTUBE DETAILS

Zoom for Morning Prayer at 8.00am: Meeting ID: 729 302 849; Passcode: 827697

Zoom for Evening Prayer at 5.00pm (Mon, Wed, Fri): Meeting ID: 819 0657 0977;

Passcode: 065383

Cathedral YouTube Channel:

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