

CHORAL EVENSONG

28 February 2021
Second Sunday in Lent

3:00pm

Setting: Isolation Canticles, Sarah MacDonald
Responses: Smith



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

Beginning on page 21 of the Book of Common Prayer

Minister. O LORD, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou
that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and
the stars, which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou
visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and
worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast
put all things in subjection under his feet;

7 All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh
through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!*

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!
2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.
6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.
7 They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.
9 Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10 For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
11 I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
13 O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

The First Lesson is written in the Book of Genesis, the forty-first chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.' Joseph answered Pharaoh, 'It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favourable answer.' Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile; and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. I fell asleep a second time and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them; and the thin ears

swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.’

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, ‘Pharaoh’s dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land, and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.’

The proposal pleased Pharaoh and all his servants. Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we find anyone else like this—one in whom is the spirit of God?’ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Since God has shown you all this, there is no one so discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command; only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you.’ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’ Removing his signet ring from his hand, Pharaoh put it on Joseph’s hand; he arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. He had him ride in the chariot of his second-in-command; and they cried out in front of him, ‘Bow the knee!’ Thus he set him over all the land of Egypt. Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no one shall lift up hand or foot in all the land of Egypt.’ Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On, as his wife. Thus Joseph gained authority over the land of Egypt.

Here endeth the first lesson.

THE OFFICE HYMN:

O Christ, who art the Light and Day,
Thou drivest darksome night away!
We know thee as the Light of light
Illuminating mortal sight.

2 All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,

Keep us to-night from danger free;
Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,
So be our sleep in quiet blest.

3 And while the eyes soft slumber take,
Still be the heart to thee awake;
Be thy right hand upheld above
Thy servants resting in thy love.

4 O strong defender, be thou nigh
To bid the powers of darkness fly;
Keep us from sin, and guide for good
Thy servants purchased by thy blood.

5 Remember us, dear Lord, we pray
While in this mortal flesh we stay:
'Tis Thou who dost the soul defend--
Be present with us to the end.

6 Blest Three in One and One in Three,
Almighty God, we pray to thee
That thou wouldst now vouchsafe to bless
Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen.

Conditor alme
Mode iv

6th century Latin
Tr William Copeland 1804-85 and others

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, / and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour.

For he hath regarded / the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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 showed 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.*

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to Mark, the third chapter, beginning at the thirty-first verse.

Then Jesus' mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.' And he said, 'Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

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.

Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called the Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God 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.

The Litany

*Which may be sung or said before the Holy Communion; or after the Creed at Morning or Evening Prayer,
instead of the remaining part of the Service; or as a separate service, with Hymns, a Psalm, a Lesson, the Creed,
and a Sermon, at the discretion of the Minister.*

O GOD the Father, Creator of heaven and earth : *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world : *have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful: *have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God: *have mercy upon us.*

REMEMBER not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good
Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

FROM all evil and mischief; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath,
and from everlasting condemnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and
malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all uncleanness in thought, word, and deed; and from all the deceits of the world, the
flesh, and the devil, *Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and
famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from
hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and
Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and
Burial,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; by thy sending of the Holy Spirit; by thy
heavenly Intercession; and by thy Coming again in glory,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of
judgement,
Good Lord, deliver us.

WE sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God: and that it may please thee to rule and
govern thy holy Church universal in the right way.
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in holiness of life, and in devotion to
her people, thy servant ELIZABETH, our most gracious Queen and Governor,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To be her defender and keeper, giving her the victory over all her enemies,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and preserve Prince Philip and all the Royal Family,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, true knowledge and understanding of thy Word;
and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To send forth labourers into thy harvest; to prosper their work by thy Holy Spirit; to make thy
saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten thy kingdom,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless the people of our Country and the Commonwealth, and to endue those set in authority with grace, wisdom, and understanding,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and guide the Judges and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep the Queen's forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all nations unity, peace, and concord, that they may serve thee without fear,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and protect all who serve mankind by their labour and learning,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To preserve all that travel, all women labouring of child, all sick persons and young children; and to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To defend, and provide for, all widows and orphans, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To strengthen such as do stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To succour, help, and comfort all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee, good Lord.

To have mercy upon all men,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may
enjoy them,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

To give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to
endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee, good Lord.

SON of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world;
Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.

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

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be
done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our
trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But
deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

HYMN:

Christian, dost thou see them
On the holy ground,
How the hosts of Midian
Prowl and prowl around?
Christian, up and smite them,
Counting gain but loss;
Smite them by the merit
Of the Holy Cross.

2 Christian, dost thou feel them.
How they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring,
Goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble;
Never be down-cast;
Smite them by the virtue
Of the Lenten fast.

3 Christian, dost thou hear them,
How they speak thee fair?
'Always fast and vigil?
Always watch and prayer?'
Christian, answer boldly,
'While I breathe, I pray:'
Peace shall follow battle,
Night shall end in day.

4 Well I know thy trouble,
O my servant true;
Thou art very weary,--
I was weary too;
But that toil shall make thee
Some day all mine own,--
And the end of sorrow
Shall be near my throne.'

St. Andrew of Crete

J. B. Dykes 1823-76

J.M. Neale 1818-66

Postlude: *Temere Sonitus*, Anon



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