

# CHORAL EVENSONG

28 March 2021

Palm Sunday

3:00pm



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 103 *Caeli enarrant*

**T** PRAISE the LORD, O MY soul: / and all that is within me praise his holy  
Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O MY soul: / and forget not all his benefits;

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, / and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, / and crowneth thee with mercy and  
loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, / making thee young and lusty as  
an eagle.

6 THE LORD executeth righteousness and judgement / for all them that are  
oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways unto Moses, / his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and gracious, / long-suffering, and of great  
goodness.

9 He will not always be chiding: / neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, / nor rewarded us according to our  
wickednesses.

The First Lesson is written in the Book of Prophet Zechariah, the forty-eighth chapter, beginning at the eighth verse:

And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one\* whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. 'Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate,' says the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one-third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.'

#### THE OFFICE HYMN:

The heavenly Word proceeding forth  
Yet leaving not his Father's side,  
And going to his work on earth,  
Had reached at length life's eventide.

2 By false disciple to be given  
To foemen for his blood athirst,  
Himself, the living bread of heav'n,  
He gave to his disciples first.

3 He gave Himself in either kind  
His precious flesh, his precious blood,  
In Love's own fullness thus designed  
Of the whole man to be the Food.

4 O saving Victim, opening wide  
The gate of heav'n for man below;  
Our foes press on from every side,  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

*Plainsong*  
Arr. Charles Wood

St. Thomas, Aquinas c1227  
*Tr* J.M. Neale 1818-66

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46.

**M**Y 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 Matthew, the twenty-first chapter, beginning at the twelfth verse.

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?'" He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

**L**ORD, 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.

*And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:*

The Lord be with you;

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR 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.*

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Priest:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*People:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Priest:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*People:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Priest:* O Lord, save thy people;

*People:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Priest:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*People:* And evermore mightily defend us.

*Priest:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Second Collect, for Peace.*

**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 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.*

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.*

**L**IGHTEN 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.*

**THE ANTHEM:**

Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

Father I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have.

Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side;

Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied,  
but suffered all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Thomas Morley 1557-1602

John Redford d.1547

## HYMN:

O sacred head, surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn!  
O bleeding head, so wounded,  
so shamed and put to scorn!  
Death's pallid hue comes o'er thee,  
the glow of life decays;  
yet angel-hosts adore thee,  
and tremble as they gaze.

2 Thy comeliness and vigour  
is withered up and gone,  
and in thy wasted figure  
I see death drawing on.  
O agony and dying!  
O love to sinners free!  
Jesu, all grace supplying,  
turn thou thy face on me.

3 In this thy bitter passion,  
good Shepherd, think of me  
with thy most sweet compassion,  
unworthy though I be:  
beneath thy cross abiding  
for ever would I rest,  
in thy dear love confiding,  
and with thy presence blest. '

Traditional secular melody in Hans Leo Hassler's

*Lustgarten neuer teutscher Gesang*, 1601

Harmonised by J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Paul Gerhardt 1607-1676

from a 14th century Latin hymn translated by

Henry Williams Baker 1821-1877

**A**LMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people: Continue, we beseech thee, this his gracious work among us especially in this pandemic time; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and send down thy blessing upon all who labour to prevent suffering and to forward thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A**LMIGHTY God, who art a strong tower of defence unto thy servants in the time of trouble: We yield thee praise and hearty thanks for our deliverance from the dangers which lately encompassed us. We confess that it is thy goodness alone that hath preserved us; and we beseech thee still to continue thy mercies towards us, that we may always acknowledge thee as our Saviour and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**O** GOD, whose Spirit filleth all the world, revealing the wonders of nature through each succeeding day: We thank thee for the continual advance in medical science, whereby the bodies of all are made apt for thy service; beseeching thee that those who minister to thee in nature may be consecrated to thee by grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

**A**LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14.*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



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