



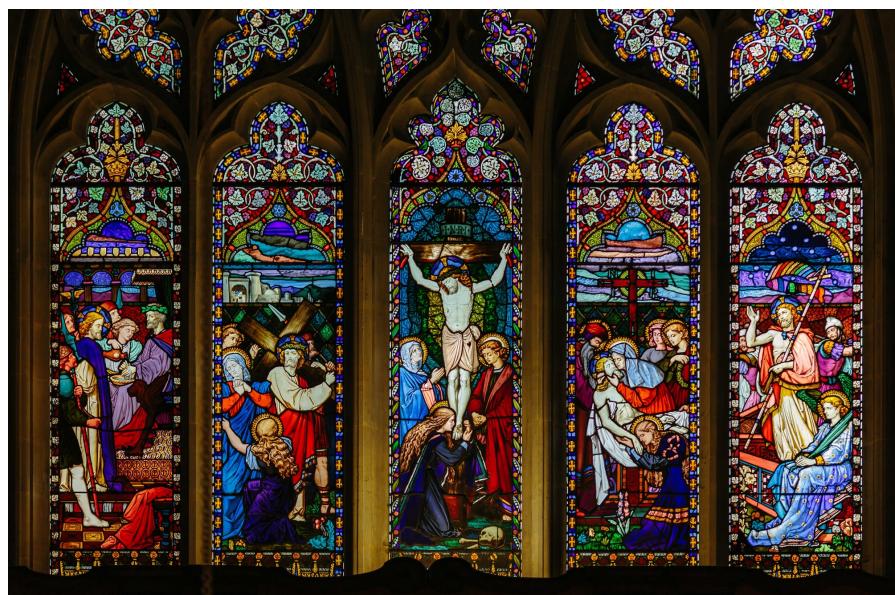
Sunday 26 April 2020

Online Evensong from University College, Oxford

*A warm welcome to our service this week.
Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.*

The full text of the service is found in this pdf that you have downloaded from our Online Evensong page.

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WELCOME



Good evening, and welcome to this online Evensong from University College, Oxford.

Even if we listen by ourselves, let us remember that we join with others whom we may not see, for we know that they are listening too.

INTRODUCTION

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins;
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly
the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all people
such things as their well-being doth require.

Therefore let us continue in a moment of shared silence,
and remember God's presence with us now.

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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

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

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.*

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

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture:
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul:
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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 FIRST LESSON From the Old Testament Zephaniah 3.14-20



Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

MAGNIFICAT
The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Luke 1.46-55

Magnificat anima mea Dominum
My soul doth magnify the Lord:
Et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
Quia respexit
For he hath regarded:
humilitatem ancillae suae
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
ecce enim ex hoc beatam
For behold, from henceforth:
beatem me dicent omnes generationes.
all generations shall call me blessed.
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
et sanctum nomen ejus
and holy is his Name.
Et misericordia ejus timentibus eum
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
a progenie in progenies
throughout all generations.
Fecit potentiam in bracchio suo
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
Dispersit superbos
he hath scattered the proud
mente cordis sui
in the imagination of their hearts.
Deposit potentes de sede
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
et exaltavit humiles
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
Esurientes implevit bonis
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
et divites dimisit inanes
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
Suscepit Israel, puerum suum,
recordatus misericordiae suae
He remembering his mercy:
hath holpen his servant Israel:

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham et semini ejus in saecula
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Gloria Patri, et Filio
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
et Spiritui Sancto
and to the Holy Ghost;
sicut erat in principio,
Et nunc, et semper
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
et in Saecula saeculorum. Amen.
world without end. Amen.

**THE SECOND LESSON
From the New Testament
Luke 24.13-35**



Now on that same day, two of Jesus's followers were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And

he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’

He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’

Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Song of Simeon
Luke 2.29-32

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.

THE SUNG PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.



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

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in 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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
*Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



THE ANTHEM 'Drop, Drop Slow Tears'

Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beauteous feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye
see sin, but through my tears.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), First Strain of *Song 46*
Text: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

**THE SERMON
Preacher: The Chaplain**

**HYMN
'This joyful Eastertide'**

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
but now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

Music: Melody from *David's Psalmen* Amsterdam 1685
Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

THE INTERCESSIONS

As we continue together, let us pray



God of compassion,
in this time of pandemic,
disruption and uncertainty,
we pray for your world, and for all people;

Strengthen and sustain
all those who are ill, afraid or in isolation,
and comfort and uphold all those who mourn.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
In their grief be present with them.

Give protection and resilience,
compassion and skill,
and the equipment that they need,
to all who care for the sick
and perform other vital roles,
and bring them safely home each day.

Give, wisdom and illumination,
and the resources and data that they need
to researchers and clinicians
searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work
a vaccine may be found,
that this virus may be contained,
and that we may emerge from lockdown
able and resolved
to work for a fairer and better world;

through him who suffered on the cross,
and whom you raised
to reign with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A prayer of John Donne:

Bring us, O Lord God,
at our last awakening,
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of thy Majesty and thy Glory,
world without end. **Amen.**

A prayer of John Chrysostom:

Almighty 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.**

BLESSING

The God of Peace
Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
Working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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