

Worship at a distance

Evensong: Easter 5 2021

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Welcome and Introduction

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm li. 17.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

Daniel ix. 9, 10.

Hymn.

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

HW Baker

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 cloak 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. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;

yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. 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:

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.

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.

Ferial versicles and responses (sung)

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 96

*We will say the psalm antiphonally, by which we mean
that the leader will say the odd-numbered verses and
the congregation say the even-numbered verses.*

We all say the Gloria together.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**2 Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

**4 For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

5 For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.

**6 Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

7 Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.

**10 Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns.' The
world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

**12 Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**

13 Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he
comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**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.**

Reading: Isaiah 60:1-14

'Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
'Lift up your eyes and look about you:
all assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.
All Kedar's flocks will be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth will serve you;
they will be accepted as offerings on my altar,
and I will adorn my glorious temple.
'Who are these that fly along like clouds,
like doves to their nests?
Surely the islands look to me;
in the lead are the ships of Tarshish,
bringing your children from afar,
with their silver and gold,
to the honour of the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
for he has endowed you with splendour.
'Foreigners will rebuild your walls,
and their kings will serve you.
Though in anger I struck you,
in favour I will show you compassion.
Your gates will always stand open,
they will never be shut, day or night,
so that people may bring you the wealth of the
nations – their kings led in triumphal procession.
For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will
perish; it will be utterly ruined.
'The glory of Lebanon will come to you,
the juniper, the fir and the cypress together,
to adorn my sanctuary; and I will glorify the place for
my feet. The children of your oppressors will come
bowing before you; all who despise you will bow
down at your feet and will call you the City of the
Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Hymn:

In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna Letitia Waring

Magnificat

We sing the starting syllable for each verse slightly longer and the vertical bar “|” indicates where the note changes. We have a slight pause for breath at the asterisk “”. The phrase “and holy is his name” is sung softly. Because there are an odd number of verses, we use the second part of the tune for the next verse.*

My soul doth magni- | fy the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re- | joiced in | God my | Saviour.

For he hath re- | garded :
the lowliness | of his | hand- | maiden.

For be- | hold, from | henceforth :
all gener- | ations shall | call me | bless-ed.
For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me :
(softly) and | holy is his | name.

(second part) And his mercy is on | them that | fear
him : throughout | all | gener- | ations.

He hath shewed strength | with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin- | ation | of
their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex- | alted the | humble and | meek.

He hath filled the hungry with | good | things :
and the rich he hath | sent | empty a- | way.

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. | A- | men.

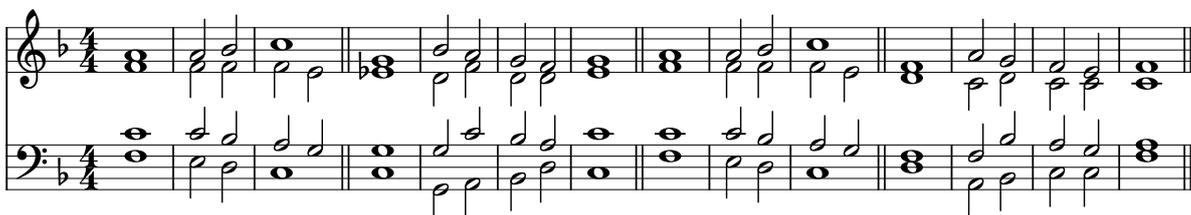
New Testament Reading: Mark 16:9-16

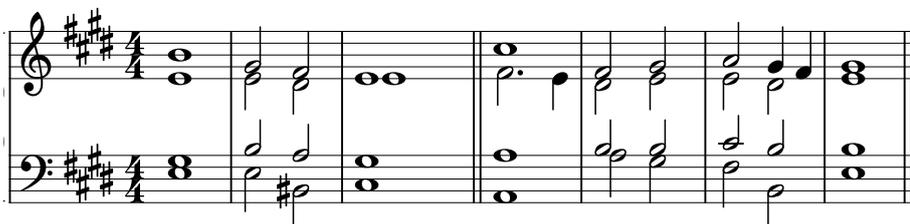
When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

Afterwards Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.





We sing the Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in |
peace : ac- | cording to thy | word.

For mine | eyes have seen : thy |- sal- | va- | tion;

Which thou | hast pre- | pared :
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. | A- | men.

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 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 Collect of the Day

O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly
wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy
people, that they may love the thing which thou
commandest, and desire that which thou dost
promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold
changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be
fixed, where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The 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 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.

Collect for Aid against all Perils

**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.**

Anthem: Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you*

Reflection

We sing

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.

O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton

Collect for the Queen

Almighty and everlasting God,
we are taught by thy holy Word,
that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and
governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn
them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom:
we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the
heart of *Elizabeth* thy Servant, our *Queen* and
Governor, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works,
she may ever seek thy honour and glory,
and study to preserve thy people committed to her
charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness:
grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who alone workest great marvels,
send down upon our bishops and curates,
and all congregations committed to their charge,
the healthful spirit of thy grace;

and that they may truly please thee,
pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and
mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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.

Let us say the grace for each other:

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

We sing our final hymn:

Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be
here and in eternity.

Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.

Thine for ever! O how blest
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, guardian, heavenly friend,
O defend us to the end.

Thine for ever! Shepherd, keep
us thy frail and trembling sheep;
safe alone beneath thy care,
let us all thy goodness share.

Thine for ever! Thou our guide,
all our wants by thee supplied,
all our sins by thee forgiven,
lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven.

Mary Fawler Maude

May God himself, the God of peace,
make us perfect and holy,
and keep us safe and blameless,
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.