

Euensong.

The Duere with the Prica.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17 November 2024



EVENSONG

Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers enter as a hymn is sung.

- 1. The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above, ancient of everlasting days, and God of love: the Lord, the great I AM by earth and heaven confessed! We bow and bless the sacred name for ever blessed.
- 4. The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and 'Holy, holy holy,' cry, 'almighty King!' who was and is the same and ever more shall be, the Lord, our Father, great I AM eternally.
- 5. Before the Saviour's face the ransomed nations bow, all praising his almighty grace, for ever new. He shows his wounds of love, they kindle to a flame and sound through all the worlds above the slaughtered Lamb.
- 6. The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high: 'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!' they ever cry. Hail, Abraham's God and ours! with heaven our songs we raise: all might and majesty are yours, and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers 1725-99 alt based on the Jewsih Yigdal c. 13th century and Revelation 4 and 5
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- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 16

PRESERVE me, O God:

for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord:

Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth:

and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god:

shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer:

neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup:

thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground:

yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning:

my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

I have set God always before me:

for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced:

my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell:

neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy:

and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

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.

Remain seated for the FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament.

A reading from the First Book of Samuel

[1:21-28, 2:11]

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her

husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, while the boy remained to minister to the Lord, in the presence of the priest Eli.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Please stand to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary



MY ★ soul doth | magnify the | Lord:

and my spirit hath re | joicèd in | God my | Saviour.

For he | hath re | garded:

The | lowliness | of his | hand-maiden.

For be | hold, from | henceforth:

all gene | rations shall | call me | blessèd.

For he that is mighty hath | magni•fièd | me:

And | holy | is his | Name.

And his mercy is on | them that | fear him:

Through | out all | gene | rations.

He hath shewèd | strength • with his | arm :

he hath scatterèd the proud in the imagi | nation | of their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :

and hath ex | alted the | humble and | meek.

He hath fillèd the hungry with | good | things :

and the rich he | hath sent | empty a | way.

He re | membering his | mercy :

hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.

As he promisèd | to our | fore•fathers:

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.

Please sit for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

[10.31-39]

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet

'in a very little while,

the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith.

My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.'

But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Please stand to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon



LORD now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :

ac | cording | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have | seen thy sal | vation:

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. A | -- | men.

The APOSTLES' CREED is said.

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 catholick Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, ★ and the life everlasting. Amen.

The VERSICLES AND RESPONSES are sung.

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

All kneel or sit

V. Let us pray.

- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
- R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
- V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The LORD'S PRAYER is sung

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.

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

The Officiant sings the COLLECTS.

STIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Please sit for the MUSICAL REFLECTION, Reverie' by Giovanni Bottesini performed by Rowan Swarbrick and Yi-Shuen Chan

Please kneel for the PRAYERS, which conclude

* 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.

Please stand to sing the hymn

- 1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee; yet possessing every blessing if our God our Father be.
- 2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe: lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
- 3. Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy, love with every passion blending, pleasure that can never cloy: thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

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Remain standing for the BLESSING.

The organist plays the POSTLUDE