

The Temple Church

Sunday 15 November 2020

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Trinity

CHORAL MATTINS, 11.15 a.m.

Men's Voices

A warm welcome to this service to all of you at home. We follow the service of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). The service is sung by the Choir alone. We hope that you will be able to let the music and words take your mind and your heart – with all the concerns you have for those you love and for our world – into the presence of God.

This service is being live-streamed, and will remain online for five days.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Fantasia

Charles Villiers Stanford (1844-1937)

All stand.

INTROIT

O Lord, I lift my heart to Thee,
my soul in Thee doth ever trust:
O let me not confounded be,
but make me righteous with the just.

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Words: From Psalm 25

HYMN

1.
He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.

2.
Who so beset him round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound
His strength the more is.
No foes shall stay his might;
Though he with giants fight,
He will make good his right
To be a pilgrim.

3.
Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit,
We know we at the end,
Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labor night and day
To be a pilgrim.

Words: John Bunyan (1628-1688)
Music: Monk's Gate, St. Dunstan's, Bunyan

CONFESSION

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

RESPONSES (*Byrd*)

VENITE

PSALM 44. 1-9 (*Plainchant*)

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us:
what thou hast done in their time of old;
How thou hast driven out the heathen with thy hand, and planted them in:
how thou hast destroyed the nations, and cast them out.
For they gat not the land in possession through their own sword:
neither was it their own arm that helped them;
But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance:
because thou hadst a favour unto them.
Thou art my King, O God: send help unto Jacob.
Through thee will we overthrow our enemies:
and in thy Name will we tread them under, that rise up against us.
For I will not trust in my bow: it is not my sword that shall help me;
But it is thou that savest us from our enemies:
and puttest them to confusion that hate us.

We make our boast of God all day long: and will praise thy Name 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

Isaiah 12

And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

TE DEUM

Service for men's voices (*Deane*)

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

JUBILATE
Service for men's voices (*Deane*)

THE 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

THE COLLECT

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Laudem dicite Deo nostro omnes sancti eius:
et qui timetis Deum pusilli et magni;
quoniam regnavit dominus Deus noster omnipotens.
Gaudeamus et exultemus et demus gloriam ei.
Genus electum... gens sancta populus acquisitionis.
Memores memorum laudate Deum.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

*Praise our God, all ye his servants,
and ye that fear him, both small and great.
for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him:
ye are a chosen generation, ... a holy nation.
Be mindful of God and praise him.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

Music: John Sheppard (c. 1515-1558)
Words: Rev. 19.5b, 19.6b, 19.7a, 1 Peter 2.9a

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

Thy Kingdom come, O God,
Thy rule, O Christ, begin;
Break with thine iron rod
The tyrannies of sin.

Where is thy reign of peace
And purity and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
As in the realms above?

O'er heathen lands afar
Thick darkness broodeth yet:
Arise, O morning star,
Arise, and never set!

Music: Leighton G. Hayne (1836-1893)

Words: Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)

THE SERMON

The Master

HYMN

Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!
Behold his hands and side,--
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright!

Crown him the Lord of years!
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime!
All hail! Redeemer,--Hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity!

Music and words: Matthew Bridges (1800-1894)

THE BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccatà

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

We ask your prayers for those dear to us in this House, and at this time especially for the following:

ANNIVERSARIES OF MARRIAGE

John and Sachiko Atkinson
Matthew and Kathryn Banham
Dennis and Maria Dixon
Anthony and Terina Korda
Matthew and Annabel Paul
Matthew and Holly Waszak

THE SICK

Pamela Cutts
Trish Dunlop
Jo Sawdy

THE DEPARTED

Lucinda Feast
Edna Green

YEAR'S MIND

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