

The Temple Church

Sunday 21 February 2021

The First Sunday in Lent

COMMUNION SERVICE, 11.15 a.m.

A warm welcome to this service to all of you at home. We follow the service of the Book of Common Prayer (1662). All the music has been pre-recorded before this new period of lockdown. This morning's Communion setting is Rheinberger's Mass in G. This service is being live-streamed, and will remain online for five days.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Elegy

Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

THE INTROIT

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
For the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
Fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
May my soul be blended with thee.

Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1750)
Words: Barthold Heinrich Brockes (1680-1747)

THE COLLECTS

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE
2 Corinthians 6. 1-10

We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 4. 1-11

Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

CREED
(*Merbecke*)

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified. Who spake by the prophets. And I believe One Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and
earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved :
thy keeper will never slumber.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Psalm 121. 1-3

BLESSING

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude & fugue in F minor BWV 534

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 Elise Crump
Ian and Jennifer Fitzgerald
Matthew and Claire White
Richard and Sonja Jayne Fowler

THE SICK

Fred Beringer
Jenny Bulbulia
Pamela Cutts
Ariana Gabbitas
Jo Sawdy
Charlotte Wycherley

THE DEPARTED

Trevor Dannatt
Richard Edwards
Master Hamilton of Inner Temple
Master Macpherson of Inner Temple
David Sears

YEAR'S MIND

Jane Belson	Jackie Leslie
Franziska (Cissy) Bennett	Sybil Lincoln
David Croft	Charles McCullough
Joseph Dean	David Morgan
Luke Gordon Butler	Hugh Park
Michael Goulder	Hugh Pigott
Theodore Gulliford	Herschel Post
Peter Harrison	Douglas Ratcliffe
David Hirst	Maire Snowdon
Yong Pung How	Roger Titheridge
Robert Lane	David Vaughan
Hugh Lawrence	Henrietta Mae McGregor Wilson
Frederick Lawton	