

The First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 6 March 2022



**Southwell
Minster**
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Preludio and Adagio molto* (from *Sonata No 3 in C minor*),
Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Preces and Responses: Michael Walsh (b. 1948)

Setting: *Collegium Sancti Ioannis Cantabrigiense*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies:
and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth:
but according to thy mercy think thou upon me,
O Lord, for thy goodness.

Words: Psalm 25: 5-6

Music: Richard Farrant (c.1525-80)

OFFICE HYMN: O kind creator, bow thine ear (*page 11 in Evensong booklet*)

PSALM 119 (vv. 73-88)

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
They that fear thee will be glad when they see me:
because I have put my trust in thy word.
I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right:
and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.
O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort:
according to thy word unto thy servant.
O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live:
for thy law is my delight.
Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me:
but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies:
be turned unto me.
O let my heart be sound in thy statutes:
that I be not ashamed.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation:
and I have a good hope because of thy word.
Mine eyes long sore for thy word:
saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?
For I am become like a bottle in the smoke:
yet do I not forget thy statutes.
How many are the days of thy servant:
when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?
The proud have digged pits for me:
which are not after thy law.
All thy commandments are true:
they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.
They had almost made an end of me upon earth:
but I forsook not thy commandments.
O quicken me after thy loving-kindness:
and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

Chants: J. Turle (1802-88) and Kellow Pye (1812-1901)

FIRST READING

Jonah 3

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste

anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

SECOND READING

Luke 18: 9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Emendemus in melius quae
ignoranter peccavimus, ne
subito praeoccupati die mortis
quaeramus spatium
poenitentiae et invenire non
possumus. Attende, Domine, et
miserere, quia peccavimus tibi.
Aduva nos, Deus, salutaris
noster, et propter honorem
nominis tui libera nos.

*Now amend we our sinful lives, spent
heedlessly and in selfish cares, lest
suddenly the day of our departure
coming, we seek for time to repent us of
our deeds; then, all too late, we shall seek
in vain. Hear us, O Lord our God, and
shew us mercy, for we have sinned
against thee. Grant us thy help, O Lord
God of our salvation, and for the great
glory of thy name spare us good Lord.*

Words: *Matins Responsory for the First Sunday in Lent*

Music: *William Byrd (c.1540-1623)*

HOMILY *given by the Revd David McCoulough, Priest Vicar*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

HYMN: O Love, how deep, how broad, how high! (NEH 425)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Preludio (from Deuxième Symphonie)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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