

The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20 March 2022



Southwell
Minster
THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Silence may be kept* (from *Rubrics*), Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

Preces and Responses: William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Setting: *Evening Service in A minor*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour,
for any pains of death, to fall from thee.
Amen.

Words: Funeral Service from the Book of Common Prayer

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-95)

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

PSALMS 12 & 13

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left:
for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour:
they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips:
and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail:
we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?
Now for the comfortless troubles' sake of the needy:
and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
I will up, saith the Lord:
and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will
set him at rest.

The words of the Lord are pure words:

even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord:

thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.

The ungodly walk on every side:

when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever:

how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart:

how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God:

lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him:

for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy:

and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me:

yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

*Chants: John Brownsmith (1809-66), John Naylor (1838-97)
& William Havergal (1793-1870)*

FIRST READING

Genesis 28: 10–19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.'

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

SECOND READING

John 1: 35–51

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

We beseech thee, Almighty God,
look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants
and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty
to be our defence against all our enemies;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world;
but that the world through him might be saved.

Words: John 3: 16,17

*Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)
from THE CRUCIFIXION (1887)*

HOMILY *given by the Revd Prof. Alison Milbank, Canon Theologian*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

HYMN: Lord Jesus, think on me (NEH 70 t.i)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in A flat minor

Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

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