

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 21 August 2022
sung by the Naylor Singers



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

3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Gott des Himmels und der Erden*, Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Preces and Responses: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in F*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino
diem festum celebrantes in
honorem beatae Mariae Virginis,
de cujus assumptione gaudent
angeli et collaudant Filium Dei.

Virgo prudentissima, quo
progredieris quasi aurora valde
rutilans, filia Syon, tota formosa
et suavis es, pulchra ut luna,
electa ut sol.

*Words: Introit Antiphon for All Saints Day & Magnificat
Antiphon at First Vespers of the Feast of the Assumption*

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord
celebrating the feast in honour of the
blessed Virgin Mary
in whose assumption the angels
rejoice and praise the Son of God.*

*Virgin most prudent, where do you
move forward, similar to the radiant
dawn, Daughter of Zion? Beauteous
and sweet you are, magnificent as the
moon, unique as the sun.*

Music: Heinrich Isaac (c.1450-1517)

OFFICE HYMN: O blest Creator of the light

(page 11 in Evensong booklet)

PSALM 119 (verses 49–72)

O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word:
wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble:
for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision:
yet have I not shrunk from thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord:
and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid:
for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs:
in the house of my pilgrimage.
I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season:
and have kept thy law.
This I had:
because I kept thy commandments.

Thou art my portion, O Lord:
I have promised to keep thy law.
I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart:
O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.
I called mine own ways to remembrance:
and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
I made haste, and prolonged not the time:
to keep thy commandments.
The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me:
but I have not forgotten thy law.
At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee:
because of thy righteous judgements.
I am a companion of all them that fear thee:
and keep thy commandments.
The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy:
O teach me thy statutes.

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant:
according unto thy word.
O learn me true understanding and knowledge:
for I have believed thy commandments.
Before I was troubled, I went wrong:
but now have I kept thy word.
Thou art good and gracious:
O teach me thy statutes.
The proud have imagined a lie against me:
but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.
Their heart is as fat as brawn:
but my delight hath been in thy law.
It is good for me that I have been in trouble:
that I may learn thy statutes.
The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me:
than thousands of gold and silver.

Go now, write it before them on a tablet,
and inscribe it in a book,
so that it may be for the time to come
as a witness for ever.
For they are a rebellious people,
faithless children,
children who will not hear
the instruction of the Lord;
who say to the seers, 'Do not see';
and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us what is right;
speak to us smooth things,
prophesy illusions,
leave the way, turn aside from the path,
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.'

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

Because you reject this word,
and put your trust in oppression and deceit,
and rely on them;
therefore this iniquity shall become for you
like a break in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,
whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant;
its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel
that is smashed so ruthlessly
that among its fragments not a sherd is found
for taking fire from the hearth, or dipping water out of the cistern.

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:

In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
But you refused and said,
'No! We will flee upon horses' —
therefore you shall flee!
and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds' —
therefore your pursuers shall be swift!
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,
at the threat of five you shall flee,
until you are left
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you;
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.
For the Lord is a God of justice;
blessed are all those who wait for him.

Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows

with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

COLLECT FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as
shall please thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Alleluia. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which said unto them 'Why stand ye gazing up to heaven? In like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven so shall he come again.'

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia. Christ to highest heaven ascending, led captivity captive, alleluia.

Sing ye to the Lord who ascended to the heaven of heavens, to the sun rising.

See the Conqueror mounts in triumph,
see the King in royal state,
riding on the clouds his chariot
to his heavenly palace gate;
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
joyful alleluias sing.
And the portals high are lifted
to receive their heavenly King. Alleluia.

*Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)
based on Acts 1: 10-11; Psalm 45: 5; Ephesians 4: 8*

Music: Patrick Gowers (1936-2014)

HOMILY given by the Revd Erika Kirk, Priest Vicar

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

OFFERTORY HYMN



1. Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shewn in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

2. Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

3. Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

4. Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

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The Modal Trumpet

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