

The Third Sunday before Advent

Sunday 6 November 2022



3.30pm Evensong

Organ Prelude: *Moderato* (from *Symphonie romane*), Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Preces and Responses: Michael Walsh (b. 1948)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Jesus College Service*, William Mathias (1934-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Domine, Jesu Christe,
qui me creasti, redemisti,
et preordinasti ad hoc quod
sum, tu scis quid de me facere
vis; fac de me secundum
voluntatem tuam cum
misericordia. Amen.

*Jesu Christ, Lord Almighty,
who didst create me, and redeem me,
and hast brought me now to that
which I am. Thou knowest what thou
wilt have me to be, deal with me
according to thy loving kindness,
and show me thy mercy, Lord. Amen.*

Words: attributed to King Henry VI (1421-71)

Music: Henry Ley (1887-1962)

OFFICE HYMN: O blest Creator of the light (*page 11 in Evensong booklet*)

PSALM 40 (*page 395 in the Book of Common Prayer*)

Solomon made a marriage alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt; he took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house and the house of the Lord and the wall around Jerusalem. The people were sacrificing at the high places, however, because no house had yet been built for the name of the Lord.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 31–39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (*see page 7 of Evensong booklet*)

including

COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you for ever; e'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Words: *John 14: 15-18*

Music: *Philip Wilby (b. 1949)*

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

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

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

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Concert Overture in C minor

Alfred Hollins (1865-1942)

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