

**The Sunday next before Lent
(The Sunday called Quinquagesima)
Sunday 19 February 2023**



3.30pm Evensong

sung by Peterborough Chamber Choir

Preces and Responses: Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in B minor*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Aria and Elegy

Stanley Vann (1910-2010)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
Eternal fount of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts
With fire from heaven above.

As thou dost join with holiest bonds
The Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love,
And knit our hearts in one.

*Words: Latin, Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
trans. John Chandler (1808-76)*

Music: Christopher Tye (c. 1505-73)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

OFFICE HYMN

*The choir sings verses 1 & 3 and the congregation
is invited to join them in singing verses 2 & 4*

O Trinity of blessed light

(NEH 54)

PSALM 84

(page 453 in the Book of Common Prayer)

Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire,
and his word burned like a torch.
He brought a famine upon them,
and by his zeal he made them few in number.
By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens,
and also three times brought down fire.
How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!
Whose glory is equal to yours?
You raised a corpse from death
and from Hades, by the word of the Most High.
You sent kings down to destruction,
and famous men, from their sickbeds.
You heard rebuke at Sinai
and judgements of vengeance at Horeb.
You anointed kings to inflict retribution,
and prophets to succeed you.
You were taken up by a whirlwind of fire,
in a chariot with horses of fire.
At the appointed time, it is written, you are destined
to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury,
to turn the hearts of parents to their children,
and to restore the tribes of Jacob.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

As Jesus, Peter, James and his brother John were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.' And the disciples asked him, 'Why, then, do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?' He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, and said, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him.' Jesus answered, 'You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me.' And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?' He said to them, 'Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, 'The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.' And they were greatly distressed.

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 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are
nothing worth;
Send thy Holy Ghost,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee.
Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge: and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall cease: or whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: Now I know in part; but then I shall know ev'n as I am known, ev'n as I am also known; And now abideth faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.

Words: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-4, 7-9, 12-13

Music: Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

HOMILY *given by Canon Angela Ashwin, Reader*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Dean*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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