

**The Third Sunday before Lent
(The Sunday called Septuagesima)
Sunday 5 February 2023**



3.30pm Evensong

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

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in E*, Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Le Verbe (from *La Nativité du Seigneur*)

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Glory to thee, my God, this night
For all the blessings of the light;
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,
Beneath thy own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee,
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

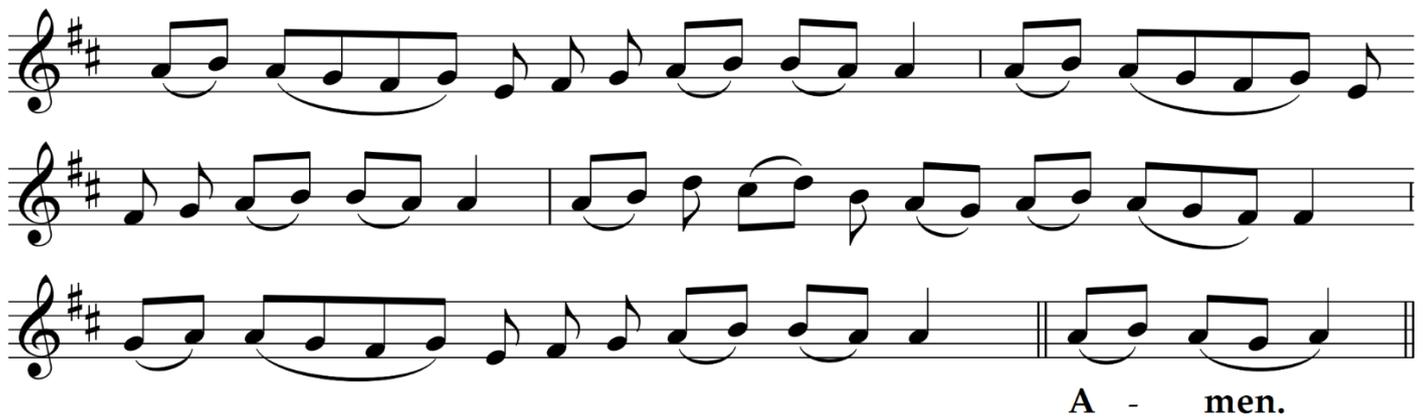
Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

*Tune: TALLIS' CANON NEH 244
Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-85)*

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

WELCOME *given by Jack Stuart, Ordinand*

OFFICE HYMN



O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of primal might,
The fiery sun now goes his way,
Shed thou within our hearts thy ray.

**To thee our morning song of praise,
To thee our evening prayer we raise,
Thy glory, suppliant, we adore,
For ever and for evermore.**

O Trinity, O Unity,
Thou help of man's infirmity,
Protect us through the hours of night,
Who art our everlasting light.

**To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Let glory, praise and worship be
From age to age eternally.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, attributed to St Ambrose (c. 339-397)
trans. John Mason Neale (1818-66) et al.*

*Tune: O LUX BEATA NEH 54 (t. i)
Mode viii*

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:
 thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;
 have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour:
 and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly:
 when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
 Stand in awe, and sin not:
 commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness:
 and put your trust in the Lord.
 There be many that say:
 Who will shew us any good?
 Lord, lift thou up:
 the light of thy countenance upon us.
 Thou hast put gladness in my heart:
 since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.
 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:
 for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Please stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
 world without end. Amen.

Chant: Walter Galpin Alcock (1861-1947)

Please sit

FIRST READING

Amos 2: 4–16

Thus says the Lord:
 For three transgressions of Judah,
 and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;
 because they have rejected the law of the Lord,
 and have not kept his statutes,
 but they have been led astray by the same lies
 after which their ancestors walked.
 So I will send a fire on Judah,
 and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem.

Thus says the Lord:

For three transgressions of Israel,

and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;

because they sell the righteous for silver,

and the needy for a pair of sandals—

they who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth,

and push the afflicted out of the way;

father and son go in to the same girl,

so that my holy name is profaned;

they lay themselves down beside every altar

on garments taken in pledge;

and in the house of their God they drink

wine bought with fines they imposed.

Yet I destroyed the Amorite before them,

whose height was like the height of cedars,

and who was as strong as oaks;

I destroyed his fruit above,

and his roots beneath.

Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,

and led you for forty years in the wilderness,

to possess the land of the Amorite.

And I raised up some of your children to be prophets

and some of your youths to be nazirites.

Is it not indeed so, O people of Israel?

says the Lord.

But you made the nazirites drink wine,

and commanded the prophets, saying, 'You shall not prophesy.'

So, I will press you down in your place,

just as a cart presses down when it is full of sheaves.

Flight shall perish from the swift,

and the strong shall not retain their strength,

nor shall the mighty save their lives;

those who handle the bow shall not stand,

and those who are swift of foot shall not save themselves,

nor shall those who ride horses save their lives;

and those who are stout of heart among the mighty

shall flee away naked on that day,

says the Lord.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4: 17–32

Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practise every kind of impurity. That is not the way you learned Christ! For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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 SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people;
that we, who are justly punished for our offences,
may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God,
world without end.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

They that go down to the sea in ships:
and occupy their business in great waters;
These men see the works of the Lord:
and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth:
which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep:
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man:
and are at their wits' end.
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble:
he delivereth them out of their distress.
For he maketh the storm to cease:
so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad, because they are at rest:
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

Words: Psalm 107: 23-30

Music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

ADMISSION OF A CHORISTER

HOMILY *given by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by Jack Stuart, Ordinand*

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



Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
Shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
Lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone,
And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Words: *John Henry Newman (1801-90)*

Tune: ALBERTA NEH 392
William Harris (1883-1973)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

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