

**The Second Sunday before Lent
(The Sunday called Sexagesima)
Sunday 12 February 2023**



11.15am Sung Eucharist

Organ Prelude: *Prelude in C*, BWV 545i, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Setting: *Mass of the Quiet Hour*, George Oldroyd (1886-1951)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

(NEH 377)

THE LORD'S PRAYER, PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND KYRIE ELEISON

COLLECT FOR THE SUNDAY CALLED SEXAGESIMA

O Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do;
Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all
adversity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FIRST READING *read by Dr Alastair Clarke*

Romans 8: 18–25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GRADUAL *sung by the choir*

I give to you a new commandment,
A new commandment I give to you,
That you love one another, one another as I have loved you.

Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. *Where true charity is, there is God.*
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. *The love of Christ has brought us*
Exsulemur et in ipso *together into one flock. Let us*
jucundemur. *rejoice and let us be glad in that*
Timeamus et *love. Let us fear and love the living*
amemus Deum vivum. *God; and let us love one another*
Et ex corde diligamus nos *from a pure heart. Amen.*
sincero. Amen.

Words: from John 13: 34-35 and LIBER USUALIS

Music: Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6: 25–34

Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

THE NICENE CREED *will be sung to the setting by John Merbecke (page 5 of Service Book)*

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which the table is prepared for Communion*

Light's abode, celestial Salem

(NEH 401)

INTERCESSION

CONFESSION

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

COMMUNION

MOTET *sung by the choir during communion*

O sacrum convivium, in quo
Christus sumitur, recolitur
memoria passionis eius, mens
impletur gratia, et futurae
gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

*O sacred banquet in which Christ
is received, the memory of his
Passion is renewed, the mind
filled with grace, and a pledge of
future glory is given to us.
Alleluia.*

*Words: Magnificat antiphon for Second Vespers
Corpus Christi*

Music: Giovanni Croce (1557-1609)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN

From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord

(NEH 286)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C, BWV 545ii

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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