

# The Third Sunday of Lent

## Sunday 12 March 2023



### 3.30pm Evensong

**Preces and Responses:** Mark Joyner (b. 1955)

**Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:** *Evening Service in E flat*, Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

*Epicedium*

Richard Lloyd (1933-2021)

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
and bathe those beauteous feet,  
which brought from heaven  
the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance  
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye  
see sin, but through my tears.

*Words: Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)*

*Music: SONG 46, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

#### OFFICE HYMN

O kind Creator, bow thine ear

*(page 10 in the Office Hymn booklet)*

#### PSALMODY

Psalm 40

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

## FIRST READING

Joshua 1: 1–9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 6: 10–20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

We beseech thee, Almighty God,  
look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the  
right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,  
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent;  
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,  
that we worthily lamenting our sins,  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls:  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122: 6, 7

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

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

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

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim (NEH 476)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Apparation de L'Église Éternelle*

Olivier Messiaen (1908-92)

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