



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**CHORAL EVENSONG
WITH SERMON IN MUSIC**

12TH MARCH 2023, 5:30^{PM}

**ST BRIDE'S
CHURCH**

Hymn

**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat;
where'er they seek thee thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee when they come,
and, going, take thee to their home.**

**Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
thy former mercies here renew;
here to our waiting hearts proclaim
the sweetness of thy saving name.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,
and make a thousand hearts thine own!**

Tune: Wareham by W Knapp 1698–1768
Words: W Cowper 1731–1800

Welcome

Minister Beloved, we are come together
in the presence of Almighty God
and of the whole company of heaven
to offer unto him, through our Lord Jesus Christ,
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;
to make confession of our sins,
to pray as well for others as for ourselves,
that we may know more truly
the greatness of God's love
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;
and to ask on behalf of all men
such things as their well being doth require.
Wherefore let us kneel now
and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Confession

All **Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways
like lost sheep,
we have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
and there is no health in us:
but thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults,
restore thou them that are penitent,
according to thy promises
declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:**

**and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly,
righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.
Amen.**

The Minister delivers the Absolution

May the Almighty and merciful Lord
grant unto you pardon
and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Preces

Thomas Tomkins

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips,
Choir *and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

Minister O God, make speed to save us,
Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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

Minister Praise ye the Lord.
Choir *The Lord's name be praised.*

Psalm 40

Choir

*1 I waited patiently for the Lord :
and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.*

*2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit,
out of the mire and clay :
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.*

*3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth :
even a thanksgiving unto our God.*

*4 Many shall see it, and fear :
and shall put their trust in the Lord.*

*5 Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord :
and turned not unto the proud,
and to such as go about with lies.*

*6 O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works
which thou hast done,
like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward :
and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee:*

*7 If I should declare them, and speak of them :
they should be more than I am able to express.*

*8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not :
but mine ears hast thou opened.*

*9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin,
hast thou not required :
then said I, Lo, I come,*

*10 In the volume of the book it is written of me,
that I should fulfil thy will, O my God :
I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.*

*11 I have declared thy righteousness
in the great congregation :
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord,
and that thou knowest.*

*12 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart :
my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.*

*13 I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth :
from the great congregation.*

*14 Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord :
let thy loving-kindness and thy truth alway preserve me.*

*15 For innumerable troubles are come about me;
my sins have taken such hold upon me
that I am not able to look up :
yea, they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
and my heart hath failed me.*

*16 O Lord, let it be thy pleasure to deliver me :
make haste, O Lord, to help me.*

*17 Let them be ashamed and confounded together,
that seek after my soul to destroy it :
let them be driven backward and put to rebuke,
that wish me evil.*

*18 Let them be desolate, and rewarded with shame :
that say unto me, Fie upon thee, fie upon thee.*

*19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee :
and let such as love thy salvation say alway,
The Lord be praised.*

*20 As for me, I am poor and needy :
but the Lord careth for me.*

*21 Thou art my helper and redeemer :
make no long tarrying, O my God.*

*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.*

Chants: Walter Parratt 1841-1924, and John Goss 1800-80

Old Testament Lesson

Joshua 1: 1-9

read by Nina Bennet

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

All This is the word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

Short Evening Service – Thomas Weelkes

Choir *My soul doth magnify the Lord:
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
 For he hath regarded:
 the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
 For behold, from henceforth:
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
 and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him:
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm:
 he hath scattered the proud
 in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things:
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath
 holpen his servant Israel:
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

*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.*

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 6: 10-20

read by Matthew Morley

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Short Evening Service – Thomas Weelkes

Choir *Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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.*

Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

Responses

Thomas Tomkins

Minister The Lord be with you,
Choir *and with thy spirit.*

Minister Let us pray.

Choir *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.*

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us,
Choir *and grant us thy salvation.*

Minister O Lord, save the King,
Choir *and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness,
Choir *and make thy chosen people joyful.*

Minister O Lord, save thy people,
Choir *and bless thine inheritance.*

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Choir *because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.*

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us,
Choir *and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collects

The first, for the day

Minister *Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

Choir *Amen.*

The second, for Peace

Minister O God, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that both our hearts may be set
to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee we being defended
from the fear of our enemies
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Choir *Amen.*

The third, for Aid against all Perils

Minister Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us
from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Choir *Amen.*

Sermon in Music

Lamentations of Jeremiah – Robert White

(Please see page 15 for texts and notes)

Prayers of Intercession

led by the Revd Jen Midgley-Adam, *Curate of All Hallows by the Tower*

This response may be used

All Lord, in thy mercy,
hear our prayer.

All And so we pray,
may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us now and evermore.
Amen.

Hymn

**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.**

**Teach me to live, that I may dread
the grave as little as my bed;
teach me to die, that so I may
rise glorious at the awful day.**

**O may my soul on thee repose,
and with sweet sleep my eyelids close,
sleep that may me more vigorous make
to serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie,
my soul with heavenly thoughts supply;
let no ill dreams disturb my rest,
no powers of darkness me molest.**

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

Tune: Tallis' Canon by T Tallis c1505–85
Words: T Ken 1637–1711

Blessing

Minister The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Choir *Amen.*

Organ Voluntary

Andante, Trio Sonata in E minor – Johann Sebastian Bach

Sermon in Music

Lamentations of Jeremiah – Robert White

Robert White was one of a group of English composers active during the early years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, whose musical instincts were to look back to the style of Tallis's Latin sacred music. The Queen, although Protestant, actively encouraged the use of Latin-texted works in the royal chapels and the major cathedrals, and White took full advantage of this. He was Master of the Choristers successively at Ely and Chester Cathedrals, then finally at Westminster Abbey, where he was appointed in 1570, dying prematurely of the plague four years later at the age of 36. His setting of sections of the Lamentations of Jeremiah shows his style at its most advanced and characteristic – it uses five distinct vocal ranges and has long been admired for its emotional power. The scribe who first copied the work added at the end of his work – “Not even the words of the gloomy prophet sound so sad as the sad music of my composer.” The first three sections will be performed this evening, each preceded, as was customary in settings of these texts, by a setting of the initial Hebrew letter of each verse. Texts and translations are given below:

Heth.

*Peccatum peccavit Hierusalem,
propterea instabilis facta est:
omnes qui glorificabant
eam spreverunt illam:
quia viderunt ignominiam eius:
ipsa autem gemens
et conversa est retrorsum.*

Heth.

Jerusalem has sinned grievously,
therefore she has fallen:
all those who once honoured her
now scorn her:
for they have seen her disgrace:
yet she herself sighs
and turns away her face.

Teth.

*Sordes eius in pedibus eius:
nec recordata est finis sui.
Deposita est vehementer:
non habens consolatorem.
Vide Domine afflictionem meam:
quoniam erectus est inimicus.*

Teth.

Squalor clings to her feet,
yet she has paid no heed to her fate.
Her fall was violent,
and she has nobody to comfort her.
O Lord, look upon my affliction,
for the enemy has risen again.

Iod.

*Manum suam misit hostis
ad omnia desiderabilia ejus,
quia vidit gentes ingressas
sanctuarium suum,
de quibus praeceperas
ne intrarent in ecclesiam tuam.*

*Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
convertere ad Dominum Deum
tuum.*

Iod.

The enemy has laid its hands
on all that was precious to her.
for she has seen the enemy,
whom you had forbidden
to enter your assembly,
coming into her sanctuary.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
turn to the Lord,
your God.