



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Sunday October 3rd 2021 at 4:00 PM

Evensong for the 18th Sunday after Trinity
on the Eve of St Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226



The Ecstasy of St. Francis – Stefano di Giovanni, 1444

Sung by Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation stands as the choir enters.

Introit

Lord, Make Us Servants

O. GIBBONS (C.1583-1625)

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace;
Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;
Where there is strife, may we make one.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts,
But look for hearts to understand.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light;
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

4 May we not look for love's return,
But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive,
And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn
Through death's dark night to endless day:
Lord, make us servants of your peace,
To wake at last in heaven's light.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (paraphrased by James Quinn)

Opening Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty,
Heavenly and earthly,
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;
None can be nearer,
Fairer, or dearer,
Than thou my Saviour art to me.

*Words: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677;
trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850*

*Music: Melody Silesian trad.;
Schleisiche Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842;
Descant by P. Halley*

The congregation remains standing for the exhortation and kneels when called to confession.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Confession

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.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Preces

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM (c.1603-45)

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

O God, make speed to save us;

*GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

The congregation stands for the "Gloria Patri".

The congregation sits after the choir sings the first verse of the first psalm and stands for the "Gloria Patri" as the choir sings the last verse of the last psalm.

Psalms

119 Part 19 *Clamavi in toto corde meo.*

J. CAMIDGE II

119 Part 20 *Vide humilitatem.*

J. TURLE

Part 19

I CALL with my whole heart: / hear me, O LORD; I will keep thy statutes.

146 Yea, even unto thee do I call; O help me, / and I shall keep thy testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry unto thee; / for in thy word is my trust.

148 Mine eyes forestall the night-watches, / that I might be occupied in thy words.

149 Hear my voice, O LORD, according unto thy loving-kindness: / quicken me, according as thou art wont.

150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute me, / and are far from thy law.

151 Thou art nigh at hand, O LORD; / and all thy commandments are true.

152 As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since, / that thou hast grounded them for ever.

Part 20

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me, / for I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead thou my cause, and redeem me: / quicken me, according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the ungodly; / for they regard not thy statutes.

156 Great is thy mercy, O LORD: / quicken me, according to thy judgements.

157 Many there are that trouble me and persecute me; / yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

158 It grieveth me when I see the transgressors; / because they keep not thy word.

159 Consider, O LORD, how I love thy precepts: / O quicken me, according to thy lovingkindness.

160 Thy word is altogether true: / all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

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.

The congregation sits for the Old Testament Lesson.

First Lesson Proverbs 8. 1 – 17

The First Lesson is written in the Book of Proverbs, the 8th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The congregation may stand or remain seated for the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn *Iste confessor. (Sung by the choir)*

MODE II

1. He, whose confession God of old accepted,
Whom through the ages all now hold in honour,
Gaining his guerdon this day came to enter
Heaven's high portal.

2. God-fearing, watchful, pure of mind and body,
Holy and humble, thus did all men find him;
While, through his members, to the life immortal
Mortal life called him.

3. Thus to the weary, from the life enshrined,
Potent in virtue, flowed humane compassion;
Sick and sore laden, howsoever burdened,
There they found healing.

4. So now in chorus, giving God the glory,
Raise we our anthem gladly to his honour,
That in fair kinship we may all be sharers
Here and hereafter.

5. Honour and glory, power and salvation,
Be in the highest unto him who reigneth
Changeless in heaven over earthly changes,
Triune, eternal. Amen.

Words: Latin 8th century, translated by L. Housman (1865-1959)

The congregation stands for the Magnificat.

Magnificat The Evening Service in B♭ by C. V. STANFORD

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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.

The congregation sits for the New Testament Lesson.

Second Lesson Matthew 11. 20 – end

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter, beginning at the 20th verse.

Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.

Nunc Dimittis The Evening Service in Bb by STANFORD

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has 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

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.

Mutual Salutation

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM

Precentor:

The Lord be with you;

Let us pray.

Choir:

And with thy spirit.

The congregation kneels.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.

Versicles & Responses

WM. SMITH OF DURHAM

Precentor:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

O Lord, save the Queen;

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

O Lord, save thy people;

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir:

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

And evermore mightily defend us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst inspire Saint Francis with surpassing love of thee and of all thy creatures: Grant that, after his example, we may walk in singleness of heart, counting the wisdom of this world as foolishness, and determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

(for St Francis; from the Canadian Book of Occasional Offices, 1964)

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 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. *Amen.*

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. *Amen.*

The congregation sits for the Anthem.

Anthem

Give Us the Wings of Faith

E. BULLOCK 1890-1979)

Give us the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
They, with one united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
Their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast;
And following their incarnate God,
They reached the promised rest.

Prayers

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

The congregation stands for the Closing Hymn.

Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! R

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show. R

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light. R

5 And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care! R

6 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! R

*Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
"Cantico di fratre sole"; tr. W. Draper*

*Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623;
harm. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Descant by P. Halley*

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Voluntary

Fugue in D Minor

J. S. BACH (BWV 538)

Next Sunday, October 10th is Thanksgiving weekend and the choirs will be on break.



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