



Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

It is good that we are here to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You are very welcome to join us as part of this worshipping community. Please stay after the service for refreshments in the John Skinner Centre; and introduce yourself to the clergy or one of the stewards.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Sunday, 9 February 2020, 10.45 am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany (Septuagesima)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Rev'd Dr Isaac Poobalan, Provost

Organist: Professor Andrew Morrisson

Conductor: Dr Claire Morrisson

The Cathedral Choir

Mass setting

Richard Lloyd, *Hereford Service*

Organ voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, *Andante tranquillo* (Sonata No 3)

Processional Hymn 466 (NEH)

(Words: John Marriott, 19th century English clergyman and author. Music: Felice de Giardini, an Italian composer who wrote the melody for this hymn; Moscow)

1 Thou whose almighty Word
Chaos and darkness heard,
 And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the gospel day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
 Let there be light!

2 Thou who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
 Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
 Let there be light!

3 Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy dove,
 Speed forth thy flight!
Move on the water's face
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
 Let there be light!

4 Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world far and wide,
 Let there be light!

Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:1-9 (NRSV)

Read by Derek Elliott-Jones

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me

righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Psalm 112 (Chant 228)

- 1 Blessed is the man that | feareth the | Lord : he hath great de|light in | his com|mandments.
- 2 His seed shall be | mighty upon | earth : the generation of the | faithful | shall be | bless-ed.
- 3 Riches and plenteousness shall be | in his | house : and his | righteousness en|dureth for | ever.
- 4 Unto the godly there ariseth up | light in the | darkness : he is | merciful | loving and | righteous.
- 5 A good man is | merciful and | lendeth : and will | guide his | words with dis|cretion.
- 6 For he shall | never be | moved : and the righteous shall be had in | ever|lasting re|membrance.
- 7 He will not be afraid of any | evil | tidings : for his heart standeth fast and be|lieveth | in the | Lord.
- 8 His heart is established and | will not | shrink : until he see his de|sire up|on his | enemies.

9 He hath dispersed abroad and giv-en | to the | poor : and his righteousness remaineth for ever, his horn shall | be ex|alted with | honour.

10 The ungodly shall see it and | it shall | grieve him : he shall gnash with his teeth and consume away, the de|sire of the un|godly shall | perish.

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.
A|--|men.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (NRSV)

Read by Chikanma Julie Nwajiuba

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Gradual Hymn 390 (t.493 NEH)

(Words: William Cowper, English Romantic poet and hymnwriter. Music: William Knapp, 18th Dorset parish clerk and organist; *Wareham*)

- 1 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.
- 2 For thou, within no walls confined,
Inhabitest the humble mind;
Such ever bring thee where they come,
And going, take thee to their home.
- 3 Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,
Thy former mercies here renew;
Here to our waiting hearts proclaim
The sweetness of thy saving name.
- 4 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.
- 5 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;
Nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;
Oh, rend the heavens, come quickly down,
And make our waiting hearts thine own.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20 (NRSV)

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before

others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’

Offertory Hymn 302 (NEH)

(Words: William Turton, 19th century British army officer who wrote a number of hymns.
Music: Orlando Gibbons, early 17th century composer and organist, Song 1)

- 1 O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray
That all thy Church might be for ever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say
With longing heart and soul, ‘thy will be done.’
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

- 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

- 3 We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep;
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,
May we be one with all thy Church above,
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,
One with thy saints in one unbounded love;
More blessèd still, in peace and love to be
One with the Trinity in Unity.

Communion motet: *Teach me, O Lord*, William Byrd

(Based on Psalm 119, vv 33-38)

Post-Communion Hymn 494 (t.413 NEH)

(Words: George Wallace Briggs, 20th century English clergyman and hymnwriter. Music: Johann Crüger, 17th century German theologian and musician, *Nun Danket*)

1 Christ is the world's true light,
Its captain of salvation,
The day-star shining bright,
To every man and nation;
New life, new hope awakes
Where'er men own his sway:
Freedom her bondage breaks,
And night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
Their ancient feuds forgetting,
The whole round world complete,
From sunrise to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord,
Men shall forsake their fear,
To ploughshare beat the sword,
To pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name
Unite us all who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame
That hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long,
Has travailed long in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong,
Come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Organ Voluntary:

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, *Con moto maestoso* (Sonata No 3)

LET US PRAY

We thank God for the life and witness of this Cathedral, and we pray for guidance and inspiration as we plan for its regeneration so that it may serve the people of God in this city for generations to come.

In the Cathedral community we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg, Roger Worthington and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week; in particular the Fred Darwent, Bishop..

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Anglican Church of Canada, and for the Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls, Primate.

In the Diocese we pray for St Mary-on-the-Rock, Ellon, and for the Rev'd Dr Dennis Berk.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Worcester in the Church of England, and Bishop John Inge; and for the Diocese of Hamar in the Church of Norway, and Bishop Solveig Fiske.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

- 9 February (Today) **Choral Evensong** at 6.30 pm with music by George Dyson and Joseph Haydn
- 11 February The **Fellowship Group** meets at 6 pm in the John Skinner Centre
- 12 February **Wednesday Holy Communion** at 10 am
- 15 February **Cathedral at Noon** at 12 pm, William Gray, *Piano music for Valentine's Day*
- 16 February **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Sung Eucharist at 10.45 am
Choral Evensong at 6.30 pm

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