



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, 19 January 2020, 10.45 am

Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Organist and Director of Music: Professor Andrew Morrisson
The Cathedral Choir

Mass setting

Harold Darke, *Communion Service in F*

Organ voluntary

Johann Sebastian Bach, *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* BWV 618

Processional Hymn 349 (NEH)

(Words: Isaac Watts, 18th century minister of an independent church in London, and writer of sermons, poems and hymns. Music: Henry Lahee, 19th century English composer; *Nativity*)

- 1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.
- 2 ‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,
‘To be exalted thus’;
‘Worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,
‘For he was slain for us.’
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 The whole creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.

Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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 49:1-7 (NRSV)

Read by Iain Stewart

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Psalm 40 vv 1-13 (Chant 79)

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 | thanks.giving | 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 a|bout 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 de|clare them and | speak of them : they should be more than I am | able | to ex|press.

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

9 Burnt-offerings and sacrifice for sin hast thou | not re|quired : 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 with|in my | heart.

11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great | congre|gation : lo I will not refrain my lips O | Lord and | that thou | knowest.

12 I have not hid thy righteousness with|in my | heart : my talk hath been of thy | truth and of | thy sal|vation.

2nd part 13 I have not kept back thy loving | mercy and | truth : from the | great | congre|gation.

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 1:1-9 (NRSV)

Read by Jackie Hughes

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual Hymn 294 (NEH)

(Words: Charlotte Elliott, 1835, intended to set out ‘the formulae of her faith’. Music: Arthur Henry Brown, *Saffron Walden*. The singer Johnny Cash recorded a version of this hymn.)

1 Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 5 Just as I am (thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down);
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

- 6 Just as I am, of that free love
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
Here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Gospel: John 1:29-42 (NRSV)

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

Offertory Hymn 352 (NEH)

(Words: Matthew Bridges. Music: George Elvey; *Diademata*)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,
The God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
As of that Rose the Stem;
The Root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love:
Behold his hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his piercèd feet
Fair flowers of Paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

5 Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne—the infinite!
Who lives, and loves, and saves.

Communion motet: *The Lamb*, John Tavener

(A 1982 choral work by Tavener, a setting to music of William Blake's 1789 poem)

Post-Communion Hymn 476 (NEH)

(Words: Charles Wesley, from *Hymns for Times of Trouble and Persecution*. Music: From the German *Paderborn Gesangbuch*, 1765; *Paderborn*)

- 1 Ye servants of God, your master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- 2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
And still he is nigh, his presence we have;
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.
- 3 Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honour the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honour and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.

Organ Voluntary:

Dieterich Buxtehude, *Toccatà in D minor*

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 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 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the united Church of Bangladesh, and the Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh and Bishop of Kushtia.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St Mary's Church, Stromness, for its Priest-in-Charge the Rev'd Canon Tom Miller, and for Lay Reader Chris Howard.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Tampere in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland, and Bishop Matti Repo; and for the Diocese of Manchester in the Church of England, and for Bishop David Walker, Bishop Mark Ashcroft, and Bishop Mark Davies.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

- 19 January (today) **Three Cathedrals Service** at 4.30 pm in St Mary's (RC) Cathedral, Huntly Street
- 22 January **Wednesday Holy Communion** at 10 am
- 25 January **Cathedral at Noon** at 12 pm, Gareth John and Andrew Leadbetter (cello and piano for Holocaust Memorial Day)
- 26 January **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Sung Eucharist at 10.45 am
Choir Trebles sing at 2.30 pm at the **Rublislaw Park Care Home**
- 31 January **Burns Night** will be celebrated in the John Skinner Centre, 7-10 pm, tickets available from Christine Flett

Cathedral Bank Account 90485005 – sort code: 82-41-01
Church Copyright Licence International Number 730410