



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

10.45 am, Sunday 27 October 2019

St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Dr A.E. Nimmo, Dean Emeritus

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

Mass Setting

Harold Darke, *Communion Service in E*

Organ voluntary

Felix Mendelssohn, *Andante tranquillo (Sonata 3)*

Processional Hymn 231 (NEH)

(Words: Heinrich Theobold Schenk, a 17th century German Lutheran pastor, 'Wer sind die vor Gottes Thron', Tr Frances Cox. Music: from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1698, adapted by W.H. Monk)

- 1 Who are these like stars appearing,
These before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
Who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! Hark! they sing,
Praising loud their heavenly King.
- 2 Who are these of dazzling brightness,
These in God's own truth arrayed,
Clad in robes of purest whiteness,
Robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
Ne'er be touched by time's rude hand—
Whence come all this glorious band?
- 3 These are they who have contended
For their Saviour's honour long,
Wrestling on till life was ended,
Following not the sinful throng;
These, who well the fight sustained,
Triumph through the Lamb have gained.
- 4 These are they whose hearts were riven,
Sore with woe and anguish tried,
Who in prayer full oft have striven
With the God they glorified;
Now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.
- 5 These, like priests, have watched and waited,
Offering up to Christ their will;
Soul and body consecrated,
Day and night to serve him still:
Now in God's most holy place
Blest they stand before his face.

Collect

Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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: Deuteronomy 32:1-4 (NRSV)

read by Nonso Ibenegbu

Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God. The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God, without deceit, just and upright is he.

Psalm 119 (vv 89-96) Chant Atkins

89 O | LORD thy | word : en|dureth for | ever in | heaven.

90 Thy truth also remaineth from one generation | to an|other : thou hast laid the foundation of the | earth and | it a|bideth.

91 They continue this day according | to thine | ordinance : for | all things | serve | thee.

92 If my delight had not been | in thy | law : I should have | perished | in my | trouble.

93 I will never forget | thy com|mandments : for with them | thou hast | quickened | me.

94 I am | thine O | save me : for I have | sought | thy com|mandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me | to de|stroy me : but | I will con|sider thy | testimonies.

96 I see that all things | come to an | end : but thy commandment | is ex|ceeding | broad.

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: Ephesians 2:13-22 (NRSV)

read by Derek Elliott-Jones

Now in Christ Jesus you Gentiles, who once were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Gradual Hymn 213 (NEH, t.512)

(Words: *attributed to St Ambrose of Milan, 4th century: Aeterna Christi munera, Tr. J.M. Neale. Music: Sir Percy Carter Buck, Gonfalon Royal. Buck was Director of Music at Harrow School, and wrote the melody originally for the hymn *The royal banners forward go*)*

- 1 The eternal gifts of Christ the King,
The Apostles' glorious deeds, we sing;
And while due hymns of praise we pay,
Our thankful hearts cast grief away.
- 2 The Church in these her princes boasts,
These victor chiefs of warrior hosts;
The soldiers of the heavenly hall,
The lights that rose on earth for all.
- 3 'Twas thus the yearning faith of saints,
The unconquered hope that never faints,
The love of Christ that knows not shame,
The prince of this world overcame.

4 In these the Father's glory shone;
In these the will of God the Son;
In these exults the Holy Ghost;
Through these rejoice the heavenly host.

5 Redeemer, hear us of thy love,
That, with this glorious band above,
Hereafter, of thine endless grace,
Thy servants also may have place.

Gospel: John 15:17-27 (NRSV)

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world-- therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not have sin. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. It was to fulfil the word that is written in their law, 'They hated me without a cause.' When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning."

Offertory Hymn 195 (NEH)

(Words: The editors of the New English Hymnal. Music: *Tantum Ergo*, melody and original harmony from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782, possibly by Samuel Webbe, the elder)

1 Lord of all the saints, we praise thee
For those two apostles blest,
Whom this day thy people honour,
Who on earth thy name confest.
Serving here the Christ who called them
They have gained the promised rest.

2 Unto heaven's splendour raised,
There made perfect by thy grace
They, by angel hosts surrounded,
Ever see their Father's face,
Where the songs of exultation
Sound from all the ransomed race.

3 Simon, may thy zeal inflame us
Christ our Lord to serve with might;
Blessèd Jude, thou true disciple,
We thy faithfulness recite;
May God grant us grace to follow
Till, with thee, faith ends in light.

4 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen

The word 'consubstantial' in verse 4 above means that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in one common substance or nature. This is also expressed in the Nicene Creed, where we say that the Son is 'of one substance with the Father'.

Communion motet:

Adrian Batten, *O sing joyfully* (based on Psalm 81)

Post-Communion Hymn 224 (t.178 NEH)

(Words: Richard Mant, an English clergyman who became a Bishop in the Church of Ireland, first of Killaloe and then of Down and Connor. Music: Charles Lockhart, *Carlisle*; Lockhart was an organist and composer who achieved prominence, while also blind)

1 For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to live,
Who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
Our grateful hymn receive.

2 For all thy saints, O Lord,
Who strove in thee to die,
Who counted thee their great reward,
Accept our thankful cry.

3 O Lord, thy name we bless
And humbly pray that we
May follow them in holiness
Who lived and died in thee.

4 Thine earthly members fit
To join thy saints above,
In one communion ever knit,
One fellowship of love.

5 All praise to thee, O Lord,
The Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, God adored
While endless ages run.

Organ Voluntary:

J.S. Bach, *Alla breve in D* BWV 589

LET US PRAY

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 Church of Ceylon (an extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), and for the Right Rev'd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo; and the Right Rev'd Keerthisiri Fernando, Bishop of Kurunegala.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Aberdeen City Centre of Mission, for Lead Evangelist the Rev'd Canon Gerry Bowyer, Church Army Evangelist, Jo Bowyer, and Pioneer Evangelist, Vee Pinto.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Carlisle in the Church of England, and for Bishop James Newcome and Bishop Emma Ineson; and for the Diocese of Stavanger in the Church of Norway.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

- 29 October **The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.
- 30 October **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.
- 2 November **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: sound festival 2019: Nicholas Daniel, *New music for oboe and violin.*
- 3 November **Holy Communion** at 8 am
Solemn Eucharist and Installation of Rev'd Rebekah Hatch as Canon of the Cathedral, at 10.45 am
Solemn Evensong at 6.30 pm.
- 24 November **Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Cathedral at 11.30am

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