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Evensong

on

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 17 March 2024

3.30 p.m.

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Voluntary

Chorale Fantasia on an old English tune

C.H.H. Parry

*Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers***Hymn**

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.
O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease,
And 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home,
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was his home:
But mine the tomb
Wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing.
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman

LOVE UNKNOWN, *John Ireland*

Welcome and Introduction

The Reverend Kathryn Tiernan

Minister Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

Please kneel

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.

Minister Grant we beseech thee, merciful Lord,
to thy faithful people pardon and peace;
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,
and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **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:
for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand

Preces

William Smith

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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

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.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit

Psalm 34

sung by the Choir

I will always give thanks unto the Lord :
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O praise the Lord with me :
and let us magnify his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he heard me :
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
They had an eye unto him, and were lightened :
and their faces were not ashamed.
Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him :
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him :
and delivereth them.
O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is :
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints :
for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :
but they who seek the Lord
shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that lusteth to live :
and would fain see good days?
Keep thy tongue from evil :
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Eschew evil, and do good :
seek peace, and ensue it.
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous :
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil :
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them :
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart :
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous :
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones :
so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly :
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants :
and all they that put their trust in him
shall not be destitute.

Please stand

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.

Please sit

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘When Pharaoh says to you, “Perform a wonder”, then you shall say to Aaron, “Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.” ’ So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the LORD had commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did the same by their secret arts. Each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron’s staff swallowed up theirs. Still Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Pharaoh’s heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water; stand by at the river bank to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was turned into a snake. Say to him, “The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you to say, ‘Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness.’ But until now you have not listened. Thus says the LORD, ‘By this you shall know that I am the LORD.’ See, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall be turned to blood. The fish in the river shall die, the river itself shall stink, and the Egyptians shall be unable to drink water from the Nile.” ’ The LORD said to Moses, ‘Say to Aaron, “Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over its rivers, its canals, and its ponds, and all its pools of water—so that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout the whole land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.” ’

Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and of his officials he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the river, and all the water in the river was turned into blood, and the fish in the river died. The river stank so that the Egyptians could not drink its water, and there was blood throughout the whole land of Egypt. But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts; so Pharaoh’s heart remained hardened, and he would not listen to them, as the LORD had said. Pharaoh turned and went into his house, and he did not take even this to heart. And all the Egyptians had to dig along the Nile for water to drink, for they could not drink the water of the river.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

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.

Please sit

Second Lesson**Romans 5: 12-end**

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After a short silence, all stand with the Choir

Nunc dimittis

Edmund Rubbra in A flat

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.

Please remain standing

The 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.

The Lesser Litany, Responses and Collects

William Smith

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Please kneel

Cantor 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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

We beseech thee, Almighty God,
mercifully to look upon thy people;
that by thy great goodness
they may be governed and preserved evermore,
both in body and soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for the First Day of Lent (commonly called Ash Wednesday)

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made,
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we worthily lamenting our sins,
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for peace

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. Amen.

The Collect for aid against all perils

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.

Please sit

Anthem

Lord, let me know mine end

sung by the Choir

Lord, let me know mine end,
and the number of my days :
that I may be certified how long I have to live.
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long :
and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee;
and verily every man living is altogether vanity.
For man walketh in a vain shadow,
and disquieteth himself in vain :
he heapeth up riches,
and cannot tell who shall gather them.
And now, Lord, what is my hope :
truly my hope is even in thee.
Hear my prayer, O Lord,
and with thine ears consider my calling :
hold not thy peace at my tears.
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength :
before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Psalm 39. 5 - 8, 13, 15

Maurice Greene

Please kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Reverend Katherine Tiernan

Please stand

Hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
Which did in Adam fail,
Should strive afresh against their foe,
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace
Should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he who smote
In Man for man the foe,
The double agony in Man
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman

GERONTIUS, John Bacchus Dykes

The Blessing

Minister	Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Choir	Amen.

Voluntary Passacaille

Frank Martin

After this service, at 4.30 p.m. here in the Quire, the fifth of our Lent Talks will be given by the Venerable Bob Cooper, Archdeacon of Sunderland. You are welcome to stay to hear this talk which will end at approximately 5.00 p.m.

Daily services this week

*At 8.30 a.m., **Morning Prayer** (live-streamed) is said in the Feretory from Monday to Saturday.*

*At 12.30 p.m., **Holy Communion** is celebrated each weekday in the North Transept (the High Altar on Tuesday, and the Feretory on Wednesday). These services are not live-streamed.*

*At 5.30 p.m., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday and Saturday, and **Evensong** is sung in the Quire from Tuesday to Friday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).*

***Compline** is said on Monday at 8.45 p.m. (live-streamed only).*

*Next Sunday—Palm Sunday: **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.30 a.m., **Evensong** is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m., which is followed by the sixth in our series of Lent Talks, given by the Bishop of Jarrow.*

Holy Week and Easter at Durham Cathedral

Regular services take place as usual unless otherwise indicated below

Palm Sunday 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms and Reading of the Passion		
		(No service at 11.30 a.m.)
Monday	7.30 p.m.	Compline with Address by the Dean
Tuesday	7.00 p.m.	Bach: St John Passion performed by Durham Cathedral Choir with Royal Northern Sinfonia
Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Maundy Thursday	11.00 a.m.	Chrism Eucharist
	7.30 p.m.	The Liturgy of the Day with the Stripping of the Altars and the Judas Cup Ceremony and a Watch till 10.00 p.m.
Good Friday	12 noon	The Three Hours
	12 noon	Commemoration of the Passion
	1.15 p.m.	Music at the Foot of the Cross
	1.45 p.m.	The Liturgy of the Day
	3.15 p.m.	Evening Prayer at the Pieta (No service at 5.30 p.m.)
Easter Eve	5.30 p.m.	Easter Vigil Service of Readings (No service at 12.30 p.m.)
Easter Day	5.00 a.m.	Dawn Eucharist with Baptism and Confirmation