

3rd Sunday of Epiphany – 24 January 2021

17.00 CHORAL EVENSONG

Leader & Preacher: Canon Michael Roden

ORGAN PRELUDE Magnificat *by Johann Pachelbel*

OPENING HYMN CP 87 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

O'er every foe victorious,
 he on his throne shall rest;
 from age to age more glorious,
 all-blessing and all-blest:
 the tide of time shall never
 his covenant remove;
 his name shall stand for ever,
 his changeless name of love.

OPENING
 SENTENCES

*From the rising of the sun even unto the going down
 of the same my name is great among the nations; and
 in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a
 pure offering: for my name is great among the
 nations, saith the Lord.*

Malachi 1.11

INVITATION TO
 CONFESSION

*Beloved, we are come together in the presence of
 almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to
 offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our
 worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make
 confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for
 ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness
 of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of
 his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things
 as their well-being doth require.
 Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's
 presence with us now.*

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;

and 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 let us 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, 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.**

PRECES &
RESPONSES

(LEADER AND CHOIR)

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.
*(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.**
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM (CHOIR) Psalm 33: 1-12

1. Rejoice in the Lord, ' O ye ' righteous ;
for it becometh ' well the ' just to be ' thankful.
2. Praise the ' Lord with ' harp ;
sing praises unto him with the lute, and ' instrument ' of ten ' strings.
3. Sing unto the Lord a ' new ' song ;
sing praises lustily unto him ' with a ' good ' courage.
4. For the word of the ' Lord is ' true ;
and ' all his ' works are ' faithful.
5. He loveth ' righteousness and ' judgement ;
the earth is full of the ' goodness ' of the ' Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the ' heavens ' made ;
and all the hosts of them ' by the ' breath of his ' mouth.

7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were up' on an ' heap ;
and layeth up the deep, as ' in a ' treasure'house.
8. Let all the earth ' fear the ' Lord ;
stand in awe of him, all ' ye that ' dwell in the ' world.
9. For he spake, and ' it was ' done ;
he commanded, ' and it ' stood ' fast.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the ' heathen to ' nought ;
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and ' casteth
out the ' counsels of ' princes.
11. The counsel of the Lord shall en'dure for ' ever ;
and the thoughts of his heart from gene'ration to ' gene'ration.
12. Blessed are the people, whose God is the ' Lord Je'hovah ;
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to ' be ' his
in'heritance.
*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.*

1ST LESSON Jeremiah 3:21-4:2

²¹ A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God. ²² Return, ye backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee: for thou *art* the LORD our God. ²³ Truly in vain *is salvation hoped for* from the hills, *and from* the multitude of mountains: truly in the LORD our God *is* the salvation of Israel. ²⁴ For shame hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵ We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me:
and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight,
then shalt thou not remove. ² And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth,
in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;

and the nations shall bless themselves in him,
and in him shall they glory.

HYMN Hail! Gladdening light (CP 16)
Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured
Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies--Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

MAGNIFICAT 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
(CHOIR) and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their
hearts.
7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 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.

2ND LESSON *Titus 2:1-8, 11-14*

2 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: ² that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

³ The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; ⁴ that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. ⁶ Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. ⁷ In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, ⁸ sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; ¹³ looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

NUNC DIMITTIS 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
(CHOIR) according to thy word.

2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

4 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.**

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. (kneel)
**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 Queen.

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.

COLLECT

Almighty God,

whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

the wonder of thy saving presence:

renew thy people with thy heavenly grace,

and in all our weakness

sustain us by thy mighty power;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**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.*

**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.*

**ANTHEM
(CHOIR)** *O Gladsome Light (Louis Bourgeois)*
O gladsome Light, O Grace
Of God the Father's Face,
The eternal splendor wearing;
Celestial, holy, blest,
Our Savior Jesus Christ,
Joyful in Thine appearing.

SERMON *Canon Michael Roden*
OFFERTORY *Adagio by A. Corelli*

CLOSING CP 23 The Duteous Day now Closeth

HYMN

The duteous day now closeth,
 each flower and tree repositeth,
 shade creeps o'er wild and wood:
 let us, as night is falling,
 on God our Maker calling,
 give thanks to him, the giver good.

Now all the heavenly splendour
 breaks forth in starlight tender
 from myriad worlds unknown;
 and man, the marvel seeing,
 forgets his selfish being,
 for joy of beauty not his own.

His care he drowneth yonder,
 lost in the abyss of wonder;
 to heaven his soul doth steal:
 this life he disesteemeth,
 the day it is that dreameth,
 that doth from truth his vision seal.

Awhile his mortal blindness
 may miss God's loving-kindness,
 and grope in faithless strife:
 but when life's day is over
 shall death's fair night discover
 the fields of everlasting life.

BLESSING 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

POSTLUDE Ciaccona *by A. Corelli*