

January 21, 2018
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Rev'd Michael E. DeKay

Please stand for the entrance of the choir and clergy

The Sentence(s) of Scriptures shall be read aloud.

Opening Hymn *Light of the World, in Grace and Beauty*

Blue Book 15

The Officiant, turning to the people, shall say the Exhortation in the form following.

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Please kneel

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation with the Officiant, all kneeling.

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.

The Absolution, or Remission of sins, to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

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, 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 we 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 RESPONSES *(Sung by the choir)*

Thomas Morley

O LORD, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord;

The Lord's Name be praised.

Then shall follow THE PSALMS of THE DAY, the congregation being seated and standing at the Gloria at the end of the second psalm.

Psalm 65, 67 *The psalms may be followed in the red Book of Common Prayer, pp. 407, 409*

THE FIRST LESSON *from Micah 4:1-7*

read by Roland Vishnu

Please stand

THE OFFICE HYMN *O Trinity of Blessed Light*

O Trinity, most blessed light,
O Unity of sov'reign might,
as now the fiery sun departs,
shed thou thy beams within our hearts.

To thee our morning song of praise,
to thee our evening prayer we raise;
then may our souls for evermore
in lovely reverence adore.

All praise to God the Father be,
all praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whom with the Spirit we adore,
for ever and for evermore.

St Ambrose, from the Liturgia Horarum, tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)

And after that shall be sung or said Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

Please remain standing

MAGNIFICAT *The Short Service*

Orlando Gibbons

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

Tune: TALLIS' CANON
(Blue Book 25)

THE SECOND LESSON *John 9*

read by Carolle McCluskie

And after that shall be sung or said Nunc Dimittis (or the Song of Simeon).

Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *The Short Service*

Orlando Gibbons

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

Then shall be said the Confession of the Faith, called the 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.

THE RESPONSES *(Sung by the choir)*

Thomas Morley

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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, show 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;

And evermore mightily defend us.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow the Collects.

The Collect for The Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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 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 *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Thomas Weelkes

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sing my soul to God thy Lord, all in glory's highest key.

Lay the angels' choir abroad in their highest holy day.

Crave thy God to tune thy heart unto praise's highest part.

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Amen.

Sermon The Rev'd Canon Marion Haggerty

During this hymn a collection will be taken and presented.

Hymn *O Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation*

Blue Book 18

Please sit or kneel

Then shall follow the Intercessions and Thanksgivings finishing with the Prayer of St. Chrysostom:

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE EVENING RESPOND

Cantor:

In- to thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

ψ. Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

℣. **I commend my spirit.** ψ. Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Ghost.

℣. **In- to thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.**

Please stand

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.*

2 Corinthians 13:14.

THE FINAL RESPONSES *(sung by the Choir)*

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