



St Paul's Cathedral

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Choral Evensong *from the Book of Common Prayer (1662)*

The First Sunday in Lent

Channel 31 2.30pm • Monday 22 February 2021

Livestreams 5.10pm • Tuesday 23 February 2021

WELCOME

Welcome to St Paul's Cathedral, the home for worshippers from more than two dozen nations, the home church for Anglicans in Melbourne and Victoria. We are delighted that you have joined us for our service: come and worship with us again.

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LEADING TODAY'S SERVICE

Mr Philip Nicholls, *Lay Minister and Director of Music*

*Musicians: Mr Tim Bell, FCM Lay Clerk; Ms Kristy Biber, Leading Musician;
Ms Stephanie Cosmano, Lay Clerk; Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist;
Ms Jacquelyn James, Lay Clerk; Ms Lisa Savige, Lay Clerk
Professor Peter Sherlock, Lay Clerk; Ms Emma Warburton, Lay Clerk*

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

The Officiant welcomes the people

RESPONSES

Plainsong

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.

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 26.1-8

¹Be thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall. ²Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart. ³For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth. ⁴I have not dwelt with vain persons: neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful. ⁵I have hated the congregation of the wicked: and will not sit among the ungodly. ⁶I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar; ⁷That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works. ⁸Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

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.

Chant: Plainsong Tone VI

The word of the Lord came to me, saying: ²Go and proclaim in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the Lord: I remember the devotion of your youth, your love as a bride, how you followed me in the wilderness, in a land not sown. ³Israel was holy to the Lord, the first fruits of his harvest. All who ate of it were held guilty; disaster came upon them, says the Lord.

¹³Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹²Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Here ends the first lesson.

MAGNIFICAT

The Song of Mary, St Luke 1.46-55

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 shewed 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 forever.

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.

Music: Evening Service for Four Voices – Richard Farrant (d.1581)

SECOND READING

Mark 14.1-11

¹⁶It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; ²for they said, 'Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.'

³While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. ⁴But some were there who

said to one another in anger, 'Why was the ointment wasted in this way? ⁵For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.' And they scolded her. ⁶But Jesus said, 'Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. ⁷For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. ⁸She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. ⁹Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.'

¹⁰Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. ¹¹When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

Here ends the second lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon, St Luke 2.29-32

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.

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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 Choir sings

LESSER LITANY

Plainsong

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

RESPONSES

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.

COLLECTS

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

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.

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.

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

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth, but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Text: Psalm 25.5-6
Music: Richard Farrant

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

DISMISSAL HYMN

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1 O Kind Cre - a - tor, bow thine ear to mark the
cry, — to know the tear be - fore — thy throne of mer - cy
spent in this — thy ho - ly fast of Lent.

2
**Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee,
thou knowest our infirmity;
pour out on all who seek thy face
abundance of thy pardoning grace.**

3
**Our sins are many, this we know;
spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
and for the honour of thy name
our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

4
**Give us the self-control that springs
from discipline of outward things,
that fasting inward secretly
the soul may purely dwell with thee.**

5
**We pray thee, Holy Trinity,
one God, unchanging Unity,
that we from this our abstinence
may reap the fruits of penitence.**

Latin, ascr. St Gregory (540-604) tr. T. A. Lacey (1853-1931)
New English Hymnal 60

DISMISSAL

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Herzlich tut mich Verlangen

[I dearly desire a peaceful death], BWV 727 –J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Mr Siegfried Franke, Cathedral Organist

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