

CHORAL EVENSONG

6 June 2021
Corpus Christi

3:00pm



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

Beginning on page 21 of the Book of Common Prayer

Minister. O LORD, open thou our lips;

People. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Minister. O God, make speed to save us;

People. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People. As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord;

People. The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 110 *Dixit Dominus.*

THE LORD said unto my lord, / 'Sit thou on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'

2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion: / be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy power; / in the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD swore and will not repent, / 'Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

5 The Lord upon thy right hand / shall smite even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations, and he shall fill them with the bodies of the slain; / yea, he shall smite the heads over many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way; / therefore shall he lift up his head.

The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Proverbs the Son of David, the King of Israel, the ninth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls

from the highest places in the town, ‘You that are simple, turn in here!’ To those without sense she says, ‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.’ Here endeth the First Lesson.

THE OFFICE HYMN:

Of the glorious body telling,
O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling,
Which the world’s eternal King,
In a noble womb once dwelling,
Shed for this world’s ransoming.

2 Given for us, for us descending,
Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending,
Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending,
Which he closed in wondrous deed.

3 At the last great supper lying
Circled by his chosen band,
Duly with the law complying,
First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying,
Gave himself by his own hand.

4 Word-made-flesh, by word he maketh
Bread his very flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ’s blood partaketh:
And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh
To behold the mystery.

5 Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

6 Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.

Pange Lingua

St Thomas Aquinas, 1227-74
tr. J. M. Neale, 1818-66

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46.

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.*

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to St John, the fifteenth chapter, beginning at the fourth verse.

Jesus said, Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

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.

Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called the Apostles' Creed.

IBELIEVE 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.

And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:

The Lord be with you;

People. And with thy spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

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.*

Then the Priest standing up shall say:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen;

People: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

People: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people;

People: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And evermore mightily defend us.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of Thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy body and blood in such a way that we may ever sense within us the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. *Amen.*

The Second 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 Third 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.*

THE ANTHEM:

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:

esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Edward Elgar 1857-1934

Attrib. Pope Innocent

HYMN:

At this great feast of love
let joyful praise resound,
let heartfelt homage now ascend
to heaven's height:
ring out the reign of sin;
ring in the reign of grace;
a world renewed acclaims its King,
through veiled in sight.

2. Recall that night when Christ
proclaims his law of love,
and shows himself the Lamb of God
and great high priest:
the sinless One, made sin,

Leoni

for sinners gives his all,
and shares with us his very self
as Paschal feast.

3. The bread that angels eat
becomes our food on earth,
God sends his manna, living Bread,
from heaven above;
what wonders now we see:
those who are last and least
receive their Lord as food and drink,
his pledge of love.

James Quinn 1919-2010

ALMIGHTY God, who knowest the needs of thy Church in every place: Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish; and give to them a faithful Pastor, who shall feed thy flock according to thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O GOD, heavenly Father, who through thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to them that seek first thy kingdom and righteousness all things necessary to their bodily sustenance: Send us, we beseech thee, such seasonable weather that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort and to thy honour; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life

is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer of Saint 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.*

2 Corinthians 13:14.

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.*



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