



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

Choral Evensong

Officiant The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Organist Robin Davis

The Service is taken from the Book of Common Prayer, pp. 18-24

Prelude

Hymn 434 *The Love of Jesus Calls Us*

AURELIA

Exhortation – *BCP* pp. 18-19

Officiant 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.

General Confession – BCP pp. 19-20

Officiant 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 – BCP p. 20

Officiant Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that they may turn from their 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.

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**



Cantor ¹ O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and **call** up-on his Name :
* tell the peoples what **things** he hath done.

All ² O let your songs be of **him** and praise him :
* and let your talking be of **all** his won-drous works.

Cantor ³ Re-**joice** in his ho-ly Name :
* let the heart of them re-**joice** that seek the Lord.

All ⁴ Seek the **Lord** and his strength :
* seek his **face** ev-er-more.

Cantor ⁵ Remember the marvellous **works** that he hath done :
* his wonders, and the **judge**-ments of his mouth.

All ⁶ O ye seed of Abra-**ham** his ser-vant :
* ye children of Ja-**cob**, his cho-sen.

Cantor ²³ IS-RA-el also came **in**-to Eg-ypt:
* and Jacob was a stranger **in** the land of Ham.

All ²⁴ And the Lord increased his **peo**-ple ex-ceed-ing-ly :
* and made them stronger **than** their en-e-mies;

Cantor ²⁵ Whose heart turned to **hate** his peo-ple :
* and to deal deceitfully **with** his ser-vants.

All ²⁶ Then sent he **Mo**-ses his ser-vant :
* and Aaron whom **he** had cho-sen.

Cantor ⁴⁴ And gave them the **lands** of the na-tions :
* and they took the labours of the peoples **in** pos-ses-sion;

All ⁴⁵ That they might **keep** his sta-tutes :
and ob-**sërve** his laws.

Cantor Glory be to the **Fa**-ther, and to the Son :
* and **to** the Ho-ly Ghost;

All As it was in the beginning, is now, and **ev**-er shall be :
* world with-**out** end. A-men.

First Lesson *Exodus 3.1-15*

Reader: The first lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of Exodus, beginning at the 1st verse.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat – Sung by the Choir

Havergal



- ¹ MY soul doth magnify the Lord, /
* 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 showed 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;
- ¹⁰ 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.

Second Lesson *Romans 12.9-21*

Reader The Epistle is written in the 12th chapter of the Letter of St Paul to the Romans, beginning at the 9th verse.

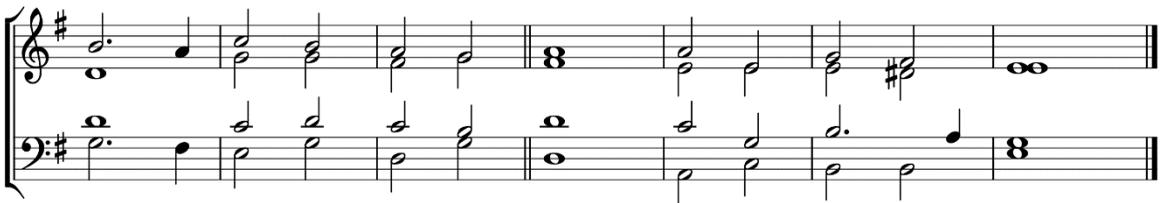
Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis – *Sung by the Choir*

Tonus Peregrinus



¹ Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de' part in' peace, /
* ac' cording' to thy' word.

² For mine eyes have' seen thy' sal' vation, /
* which thou hast prepared be' fore the' face of' all' people;

³ 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. A ' -men.

Third Lesson *Matthew 16.21-28*

Reader The third lesson is written in the 16th chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the 21st verse.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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 Lord's Prayer and Responses – BCP p. 23

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.

Collect of the Day – BCP p. 236

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace – BCP pp. 23-24

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.

Collect for Aid – BCP p. 24

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 *God be in my Head*

JOHN RUTTER

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my departing.

Homily

Hymn 431 *Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said*

BRESLAU

The Prayers

The General Thanksgiving

O most merciful Father, we humbly thank thee for all thy gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For life and health and safety, for power to work and leisure to rest, for all that is beautiful in creation and in the lives of people, we praise and magnify thy holy Name. But, above all, we thank thee for our spiritual mercies in Christ Jesus our Lord, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St Chrysostom – *BCP* p. 24

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 Grace – *BCP* p. 24

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.

Hymn 17 *Christ, Mighty Saviour*

ISTE CONFESSOR

Postlude *Elegy*

GEORGE THALBEN-BALL

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