



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

Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 2022, 4.00 pm

Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.

Evening Prayer and Vigil for Peace
Praying especially for the People of Ukraine

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine
Director of Music: Robin Davis / Organist: Johan van't Hof

Please remember to wear your mask.
This service is being live-streamed for those worshipping from home.

Prelude Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber

Amos Wong - violin
Robin Davis - organ

The Service of Light

Officiant Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.
All **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Hymn 13 *O Gladsome Light, O Grace Phos Hilaron*

Nunc Dimittis

Hail Gladdening Light
Of His pure glory poured
Who is the 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 Though, 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
Thine own

Thanksgiving

Officiant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Officiant Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the shepherd of Israel, their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night. In these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be your people once more. In fasting and service you bring us back to your heart. You open our eyes to your presence in the world and you free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendour of your mercy. Be with us in these journey days for without you we are lost and will perish. To you alone be dominion and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Choir *Can we sing the Darkness to Light?*

Kyle Pederson

Amos Wong – violin, Nancy Nourse – Contralto flute, Alison Jane – Piano

What if instead of more violence, we let our weapons fall silent?

No more revenge or retribution; no more war or persecution.

It could be beautiful.

What if instead of our judgement, we soften our hearts that have hardened?

Instead of certainty and pride we love and sacrifice.

It could be beautiful.

Can we see the other as our brother? Can we sing the darkness to light sounding chords of compassion and grace? Set the swords of judgement aside, let mercy's eyes see the other human face.

Officiant Cast your burden upon the Lord.

All **And he will sustain you.**

Officiant Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All **And renew a right spirit within me.**

Officiant Cast me not away for your presence

All **And take not your Holy Spirit from me,**

Officiant Give me the joy of your saving help again

All **And sustain me with your bountiful spirit.**

Officiant Blessed by the Lord, day by day.

All **The God of our salvation who bears our burdens.**

Psalm 90 *Domine, refugium. Tone 1.8 (red psalter p. 167ff)*

Tone I-8



LORD, THOU hast been our **re**-fuge, / from one generation **to** an-ö-ther.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world **were** made, /
 thou art God from everlasting, and **world** with-öut end.
3 Thou turnest them back to **the** dust, / and thou sayest, ‘Return, ye **child**-ren öf them.’
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it **is** past, /
 and as a **watch** in thë night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood, and they are even as **a** sleep; /
 in the morning they are like **grass** that grö-weth up.
6 In the morning it is green and grow-**eth** up, / but in the evening it is cut **down** and
 wï-ther-ed.
7 For we consume away in thy dis-**plea**-sure, / and are afraid at thy wrathful **in**-dig-nä-tion.
8 Thou hast set our misdeeds be-**fore** thee, /
 and our secret sins in the light **of** thy cöun-te-nance.
9 For when thou art angry all our days **are** gone: /
 we bring our years to an end, as it were a **tale** that is told.
10 The days of our age are threescore years **and** ten, / or, if they be so strong, they may
come to föur-score years;
11 Yet is their pride but labour and **sor**-row: / so soon passeth it a-**way**, and wë are gone.
12 But who regardeth the power of **thy** wrath, / or feareth aright thine **in**-dignä-tion?
13 So teach us to number **our** days, / that we may apply our hearts **un**-to wïsdom.
14 Turn thee again, O Lord, at **the** last, / and be gracious un-**to** thy sër-vants.
15 O satisfy us with thy mercy, and **that** soon: /
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the **days** of öür life.
16 Comfort us again according to the time that thou hast afflict-**ed** us, /
 and for the years wherein we have suffer-**ed** advërsity.
17 Show thy servants **thy** work, / and their chil-**dren** thy glöry.
18 And let the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be up-**on** us: /
 prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper **thou** our händy-work.
 Glory be to the Father, and to **the** Son, / and **to** the Höly Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be, / world with-**out** end. Ämen.

First Lesson *Micah 4.1-10*

Reader A reading from the Prophet Micah.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. On that day, says the LORD, I will assemble the lame and gather those who have been driven away, and those whom I have afflicted. The lame I will make the remnant, and those who were cast off, a strong nation; and the LORD will reign over them in Mount Zion now and for evermore. And you, O tower of the flock, hill of daughter Zion, to you it shall come, the former dominion shall come, the sovereignty of daughter Jerusalem. Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king in you? Has your counsellor perished, that pangs have seized you like a woman in labour? Writhe and groan, O daughter Zion, like a woman in labour; for now you shall go forth from the city and camp in the open country; you shall go to Babylon. There you shall be rescued, there the LORD will redeem you from the hands of your enemies.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Magnificat Tone VIII.I (Solemn)

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 *Matthew 5.1-16*

Read in Ukrainian by Danylo Dzwonyk

Reader A reading from the Gospel According to St Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis



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.

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant I believe in God

All **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.**

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All **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.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
All **And grant us thy salvation.**
Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;
All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**
Officiant O Lord, save thy people;
All **And bless thine inheritance.**
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;
All **And evermore mightily defend us.**
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;
All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collects

WE beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty to be our defence against all our enemies; 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 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.*

Choir: *Bogoroditse Devo* (All-Night Vigil)
 sung in Old Church Slavonic

Sergei Rachmaninov

Bogoróditse D̑évo, ráduyš̑iá,
 Blagodátnaya Mař̑iye, Ghospód s Tobóyu.
 Blagoslovēnna T̑i v zhená̑h,
 i blagoslovēn Plod chř̑éva Tvoyegó,
 yáko Spása rođilá yeš̑i dush násh̑ih

Rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos,
 Mary full of grace, the Lord is with Thee.
 Blessed art Thou among women,
 and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb,
 for Thou hast borne the Savior of our souls.

Prayer for Ukraine

Officiant We pray for the people of Ukraine. For peace and for the laying down of weapons. We pray for those who fear tonight and tomorrow, that your Holy Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion, that your grace O Lord will guide their decisions. We pray for your children, at risk and fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Choir: *The Kontakion*

Kiev Melody

Give rest, O Christ, To thy servant with thy saints
 Where sorrow and pain are no more, Neither sighing but life everlasting
 Thou only art immortal, The creator and maker of all
 And we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth, And unto earth shall we return
 For so thou didst ordain, When thou created me saying,
 Dust thou art unto dust shalt thou return
 All we go down to the dust, And weeping o'er the grave we make our song
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

*During the singing of the Kontakion, we invite you to come forward to light a candle
 in expression of prayer and support for the people of Ukraine
 and our enduring hope for God's peace in the world.*

Officiant ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, who would have the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ: Bestow thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all who labour for peace and righteousness among the peoples [especially . . .]; that the day may be hastened when war shall be no more, and thy will only shall govern the nations upon earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

General Thanksgiving

Officiant O MOST merciful Father,
All **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.**

Trisagion

DMYTRO BORTNYANSKY (Ukrainian Composer)

Choir Amen, Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have mercy on us.
 Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have mercy on us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have mercy on us.
 Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, Have mercy on us.

Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant 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.**

Blessing

Officiant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honour all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Hymn 575 *Let Streams of Living Justice*

Thaxted

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth.
 Give freedom's light to captives; let all the poor have worth.
 The hungry's hands are pleading; the workers claim their rights,
 The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
 Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power.
 Abolish ancient vengeance. Proclaim your people's hour.

The dreaded disappearance of family and friend,
 The torture and the silence – the fear that knows no end.
 The mother with her candle, the child who holds a gun,
 The old one nursing hatred – all seek release to come.
 Each candle burns for freedom, each light's a tyrant's fall.
 Each flower placed for martyrs gives tongue to silenced call.

For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end.
 For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
 Weave our varied gifts together: knit our lives as they are spun.
 On your loom of life enrol us till the thread of life is run.
 O great Weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one.
 Dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Your city's built for music: we are the stones you seek.
 Your harmony is language. We are the words you speak.
 Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams.
 Our love in hand of neighbour. Our homeland brightly gleams.
 Inscribe our hearts with justice, your way – the path untried:
 Your truth – the heart of stranger, your life – the Crucified.