

The Order for Choral Evensong

for

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM

*¶ The choral setting of the Responses was composed
by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)*

¶ All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter

Organ Voluntary

Opening Sentences

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ Officiant and People, 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,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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 Officiant alone stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution **✝** and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

¶ People Amen.

¶ All stand

The Invitatory and Psalter

¶ All remain standing as the Officiant and Choir sing

℣. 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.

℣. 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.

¶ All remain standing as the following hymn is sung by the Choir

Phos hilaron

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed.

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Words: Greek, Third Century

Music: Howard Helvey (2012)

¶ All are then seated as the Choir sings the Psalms appointed for the day

The Psalmody

Psalm 18

Diligam te, Domine

ANGLICAN CHANT: HENRY STONEX

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength
The Lord is my stony rock, and my defence;

My Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust;
my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised;
so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me,
and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me;
the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I called upon the Lord,
and complained unto my God:

So he heard my voice out of his holy temple,
and my complaint came before him; it entered even into his ears.

The earth trembled and quaked,
the very foundations also of the hills shook,
and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence,
and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down,
and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the Cherubim, and did fly;
he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place,
his pavilion round about him with dark water, and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed;
hailstones and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder;
hailsontes and coals of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them;
he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the
round world were discovered.
at thy chiding, O Lord, at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

He sent down from on high to fetch me,
and took me out of many waters.

He delivered me from my strongest enemy, and from them which hate me;
for they were too mighty for me.

They came upon me in the day of my trouble;
but the Lord was my upholder.

He brought me forth also into a place of liberty;
he brought me forth, even because he had a favour unto me.

¶ *Then the Gloria Patri is sung*

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

EXODUS 3:16-4:12

THE LORD GOD SAID TO MOSES, “Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt; and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Per’izzites, the Hivites, and the Jeb’usites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”’ And they will hearken to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.’ I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all the wonders which I will do in it; after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who sojourns in her house, jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; thus you shall despoil the Egyptians.” Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will

say, "The Lord did not appear to you." The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." And he said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand, and take it by the tail" – so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand – "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand into your bosom." And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your bosom." So he put his hand back into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or heed the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it upon the dry ground; and the water which you shall take from the Nile will become blood upon the dry ground." But Moses said to the Lord, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand for the singing of the Office Hymn

Office Hymn 39

WILDERNESS

¶ All remain standing for the singing of the Magnificat

Magnificat *Truro Canticles*

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.

*Words: Luke 1:46–55 with Gloria Patri
Music: Gabriel Jackson (b.1962)*

¶ *All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat*

The Second Lesson

JOHN 8:46–59

WHICH OF YOU CONVICTS ME OF SIN? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears the words of God; the reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.” The Jews answered him, “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it and he will be the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if any one keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, ‘If any one keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you claim to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God. But you have not known him; I know him. If I said, I do not know him, I should be a liar like you; but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad.” The Jews then said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

¶ *Following the Lesson, all stand for the singing of the Nunc dimittis*

Nunc dimittis *Truro Canticles*

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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Music: Gabriel Jackson*

The Apostles' Creed

¶ Sung on a monotone by the Officiant and People together, all standing

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 Prayers

¶ The Officiant and Choir sing the following

∇. The Lord be with you.
℞. And with thy spirit.
∇. Let us pray.

¶ The People kneel

℞. Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is sung by all, kneeling

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.

¶ Then follow these Suffrages, sung by the Officiant and Choir

℣. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

℟. And grant us thy salvation.

℣. O Lord, save the State.

℟. 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.

¶ The following Collects are sung; the Choir sings "Amen."

The Collect of the Day

O ALMIGHTY GOD, WHO ALONE canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anthem

Sicut cervus desiderat
ad fontes aquarum:
ita desiderat anima mea
ad te, Deus.

*Like as the hart desireth
the water-brook:
so longeth my soul
after thee, O God.*

Sitivit anima mea ad Deum
fontem vivum:
quando veniam, et apparebo
ante faciem Dei?
Fuerunt mihi lachrymae meae
panes die ac nocte:
dum dicitur mihi quotidie,
Ubi est Deus tuus?

*My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear
before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat
day and night:
While they daily say unto me,
Where is now thy God?*

Words: Psalm 42

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

Closing Prayers

¶ *All kneel*

∞. The Lord be with you.

℞. And with thy spirit.

¶ *The Officiant may then offer prayers for mission and for the world*

The Blessing ✠

¶ *Then all stand for the singing of the final Hymn*

Hymn 24

ST. CLEMENT

¶ *At the conclusion of the Hymn the Choir and Ministers depart; the Congregation remains standing as the procession retires*

Next Sunday afternoon, April 10 at 5:00 PM, the Choir will sing
Passion Vespers, a service of music and the spoken word. Choral
Evensong is sung Monday through Wednesday of Holy Week,
April 11-13 at 5:30 PM.



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