



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025 5:00 pm

The Order for Solemn Choral Evensong

Organ Voluntary

Rockingham

Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)

☞ *All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

Introit

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world, through Him, might be saved.

Words: John 3:16

Music: John Stainer (1840-1901)

Opening Sentence

Officiant Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." *Mark 8:34*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *Officiant and People together, 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

Philip Moore (b.1943)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

¶ *All are then seated as the Choir sings the appointed Psalms*

The Psalmody

Psalm 8

Chant in G

William Crotch (1775-1847)

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world; *
 thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength,
 because of thine enemies, *
 that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider thy heavens, even the work of thy fingers; *
 the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him? *
 and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower than the angels, *
 to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands; *
 and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet:
All sheep and oxen; *
 yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; *
 and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
O Lord our Governor, *
 how excellent is thy Name in all the world!
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.

Psalm 84

Chant in E

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, *
 thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord; *
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
 even thy altars, O Lord of hosts,
 my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house! *
 they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man who strength is in thee; *
in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well; *
and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength, *
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God, our defender, *
and look upon the face of thine anointed.
For one day in thy courts *
is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, *
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence; *
the Lord will give grace and worship;
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
O Lord God of hosts, *
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
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

I Corinthians 3:11-23

For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it

is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” So let no one boast of men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apol’los or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future, all are yours; and you are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat*

Hymn 474

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

*Music: Rockingham, melody from Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, ca. 1780;
 harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807)*

✠ 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.

¶ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

Mark 3:31-4:9

And his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting about him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking around on those who sat about him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.” Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. And he taught them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it had not much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil; and when the sun rose it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns and the thorns grew up and choked it, and

it yielded no grain. And other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¶ Following the Lesson, all stand

Nunc dimittis

Canticles in E

Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

✠ 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

¶ Sung on a monotone

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*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

¶ *The People kneel*

Choir Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the Choir sings the short form of the 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.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages*

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A 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 all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against 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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benedicamus Domino

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us bless the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *People* Amen.

¶ *Then the Congregation is seated*

The Greeting

Anthem

O Saviour of the world,
Who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.
Amen.

Words: Collect for the Visitation of the Sick

Music: John Goss (1800-1880)

¶ During the anthem, a collection will be received

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

¶ The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ¶ *People Amen.*

¶ All stand and join in the singing of the Hymn overleaf

Hymn 35



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars _____ in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now _____ and for ev - er.

*Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964);
rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b.1930)
Music: Mighty Savior, David Hurd (b.1950)*

Organ Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. George's Chapel immediately following this service.
All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for wine and cheese.

Participants in the Service

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson, Officiant
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The Choir of St. Michael & St. George
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