

# ST PETER'S CHURCH, NOTTINGHAM

**Matins**  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Officiant & Preacher: The Reverend Dr Richard Davey

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

*The officiant invites those present to confess their sins before God*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The officiant says words of God's forgiveness in the Absolution:*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, in 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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For ever and ever. Amen.**

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

*sung by the church choir to the setting by Richard Shephard (b.1949), recorded at Worcester Cathedral in November 2019*

*O Lord, open thou our lips.*

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*O God, make speed to save us.*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*All stand*

*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.

*Praise ye the Lord.*

The Lord's Name be praised.

## PSALM 119.33-40

*sung to a chant by W Parratt, recorded by members of the church choir at St Peter's this week*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law :

yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.

Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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.

## FIRST READING

*St Paul encourages the Christians in Rome to prepare for the return of Christ*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Romans 13.8-end*

## TE DEUM

*A traditional song of thanksgiving to God for sending Christ to the world, sung by the church choir to the setting in F major by John Ireland (1879-1962), at Durham Cathedral in January 2012.*

We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;  
The Father of an infinite Majesty; Thine honourable, true and only Son;  
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,  
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.  
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
Day by day we magnify thee; And we worship thy Name, ever world without end.  
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.  
O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

## SECOND READING

*Jesus teaches about reconciliation*

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

*Matthew 18.15-20*

## JUBILATE

*All stand  
sung to a chant by Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801), recorded by individual members of the church  
choir in online collaboration*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands :  
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of  
his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

## CREED

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 Catholick Church, The Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, The Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## LESSER LITANY

*sung by the church choir to the setting by Richard Shephard (b.1949), recorded at Worcester Cathedral in November 2019*

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in 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.

*O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the Queen.  
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.*

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## HOMILY

### HYMN

*sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, and used with permission*

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1 Ye holy angels bright,  
who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light  
fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,  
for else the theme  
too high doth seem  
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,  
who ran this earthly race,  
and now, from sin released,  
behold the Saviour's face,  
his praises sound,  
as in his sight  
with sweet delight  
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,  
adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go  
some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives  
and praise him still,  
through good and ill,  
who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,  
triumph in God above,  
and with a well-tuned heart  
sing thou the songs of love;  
let all thy days  
till life shall end,  
whate'er he send,  
be filled with praise.

PRAYERS

Keith Mountford

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Finale from Sonata in G

*Magnus Lindberg (b. 1958)*

*played by Peter Siepmann at Salisbury Cathedral in May 2015*