



**MORNING PRAYER**  
*on the*  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

7 May 2023 at 10 a.m.

**Organ Prelude**      Largo  
John Stanley (1713-1786)

*All stand as the officiant enters.*

**Opening Hymn**      5      Christ whose glory fills the skies

**Scriptural Sentences & Exhortation**

**General Confession**

*All.*      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.

**Lord's Prayer** *(together)*

**Opening Versicles & Responses**

*Officiant.*      O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People.*      **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant.*      O God, make speed to save us.  
*People.*      **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*All stand.*

*Officiant.*      Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
*People.*      **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant.*      Praise ye the Lord;  
*People.*      **The Lord's Name be praised.**

## Venite, Exultemus Domino. (Psalm 95)



O come, let us sing unto the LORD: / let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, / and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, / and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: / and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: / and his hands prepared the dry land.

O Come, let us worship, and fall down, / and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; / and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Today, O that ye would hear his voice: / 'Harden not your hearts as in the Provocation, and as in the day of Temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, / proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, and said, / "It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways";

Unto whom I swear in my wrath, / that they should not enter into my rest.'

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.

## Psalms

### 126 *The congregation sits as the choir sings,*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Sion, / then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the nations, / 'The LORD hath done great things for them.'

Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; / whereof we rejoice.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, / as the rivers in the South.

They that sow in tears / shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth his seed, / shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

### 127

Except the LORD build the house, / their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the LORD keep the city, / the watchman keepeth vigil but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness; / for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb / are an heritage and gift that cometh of the LORD.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant, / even so are the children of one's youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: / they shall not be ashamed when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Blessed are all they that fear the LORD, / and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labour of thy hands: / O well is it with thee, and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine, / within the walls of thine house;

Thy children like the olive-branches, / round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed, / that feareth the LORD.

The LORD from out of Sion shall so bless thee, / that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, / and peace upon Israel.

*At the conclusion of the Psalms, please stand for the 'Glory Be.'*

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.

*Please be seated.*

**First Lesson**                      Exodus 34:1-10

*All stand.*

**Office Hymn**                      606      There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**Te Deum Laudamus** (*said together*)

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 Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts;

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.

*Please be seated.*

**Second Lesson**

1 Peter 3:8-end

*All stand.*

**Benedictus** (*said together*)

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,  
in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,  
which have been since the world began;

That we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hands of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham,  
that he would grant us

That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies  
might serve him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before him,  
all the days of our life.

AND thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people  
for the remission of their sins;

Through the tender mercy of our God;  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;

To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

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

**Apostles' Creed** (*together*)

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.

*Officiant.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant.* Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*Officiant.* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People.* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
*Officiant.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father who art in heaven, ...  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

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

**The Collects**            *Book of Common Prayer*, pp. 194, 11–12

**Anthem**                 Look at the world  
                                 John Rutter (b. 1945)

## **Homily**

**The Prayers & the Grace**    *All kneel.*

*During the Final Hymn, the Offering is brought forward.*

**Hymn**                    216 Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

**Organ Postlude**        Finale from ‘Music for the Royal Fireworks’  
                                 G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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