

Worship at Home
Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer
Led by the Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie
The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

HYMN: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad,
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say:
'I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
'till travelling days are done.

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

Tune: Kingsfold

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Joel 2.13

WELCOME

Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie

Hello, good morning and welcome. You join me for this, the Church of England's national worship on the eleventh Sunday after Trinity, the 23rd of August. A very warm welcome, wherever you may be watching from across the Church of England, across the world, indeed across the very galaxies, if there are any extra-terrestrials out there. You join me the Reverend Fergus Butler-Gallie in sunny, or not so sunny, as it may be, Liverpool. As we come together to worship according to the Book of Common Prayer.

I'll be joined by people from London, Lincoln, Leicester and here in Liverpool itself across the country as we come together united by our love for the beauty and the wonder displayed in this, the Church of England's ancient liturgy as we come together to worship the risen Christ.

CONFESSION

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, 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 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.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people shall answer here, and at the end of all other prayers,

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.

Then likewise he shall say,

Priest. O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Priest. O God, make speed to save us.

Answer. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,

Answer. Glory 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.**

Priest. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. **The Lord's name be praised.**

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Kerry Yong & Kemi Taiwo

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 if ye will 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 this 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.

And now we hear a choral setting of Psalms 112 and 113.

PSALM 112

Sung by St Martin's Voices to a chant by Nils Greenhow

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord :
he hath great delight in his commandments.

2. His seed shall be mighty upon earth :
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

3. Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house :
and his righteousness endureth for ever.

4. Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness :
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

5. A good man is merciful, and lendeth :
and will guide his words with discretion.

6. For he shall never be moved :
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7. He will not be afraid of any evil tidings :
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

8. His heart is established, and will not shrink :
until he see his desire upon his enemies.

9. He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor :
and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

10. The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him :
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;
the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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 113

Sung by Pete Yarde Martin

PRAISE the Lord, ye servants :
O praise the Name of the Lord.

2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord :
from this time forth for evermore.

3. The Lord's name is praised :
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

4. The Lord is high above all heathen :
and his glory above the heavens.

5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high :
and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and on earth?

6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust :
and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

7. That he may set him with the princes :
even with the princes of his people.

8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house :
and to be a joyful mother of children.

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 LESSON

Ecclesiasticus 18:1-14

Read by Rachel

The first lesson is taken from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

He that liveth for ever created all things in general. The Lord only is righteous, and there is none other but he, who governeth the world with the palm of his hand, and all things obey his will: for he is the King of all, by his power dividing holy things among them from profane.

To whom hath he given power to declare his works? and who shall find out his noble acts? Who shall number the strength of his majesty? and who shall also tell out his mercies?

As for the wondrous works of the Lord, there may nothing be taken from them, neither may anything be put unto them, neither can the ground of them be found out. When a man hath done, then he beginneth; and when he leaveth off, then he shall be doubtful.

What is man, and whereto serveth he? what is his good, and what is his evil? The number of a man's days at the most are an hundred years. As a drop of water unto the sea, and a gravelstone in comparison of the sand; so are a thousand years to the days of eternity. Therefore is God patient with them, and poureth forth his mercy upon them. He saw and perceived their end to be evil; therefore he multiplied his compassion.

The mercy of man is toward his neighbour; but the mercy of the Lord is upon all flesh: he reproveth, and nurtureth, and teacheth and bringeth again, as a shepherd his flock. He hath mercy on them that receive discipline, and that diligently seek after his judgments.

Te Deum Laudamus

Said by Fergus Butler-Gallie

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 LESSON

Luke 1:57-end

Read by Jay

The second lesson is taken from the Gospel according to St Luke.

Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her; and they rejoiced with her.

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, there is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John.

And they marvelled all. And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, what manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of 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 hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand 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 way; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

BENEDICTUS

Sung by St Martin's Voices to the music of Philip Moore

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 give us;

That we being delivered out of the hand 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, into the way of peace.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A special word of note for the public at large:

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 at 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.

And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. **And with thy spirit.**

Minister. Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Then the Priest standing up shall say,

Priest. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer. **And grant us thy salvation.**

Priest. O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. **And bless thine inheritance.**
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The First Collect, of the day

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen

The Second 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. Amen.

All: Amen

The Third 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. Amen.

All: Amen

SERMON

Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie

MUSIC

Go forth into the world in peace, By John Rutter

Sung by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Be of good courage.

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
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 God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be among you and remain with you forever.
Amen.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Led by Yazid

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's church, militant here in earth.

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all. We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal church, with a spirit of truth, unity and concord. And grant that all they that do confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and Godly love.

Lord in thy mercy
All Hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all our rulers, and especially thy servant, Elizabeth our Queen. That under her we may be godly and quietly governed. And grant unto her whole counsel, and to all that are put in authority under her, they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Lord in thy mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Give grace O heavenly father, to Justin and Stephen our Archbishops, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both, by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively words, and rightly and duly administer thy Holy Sacraments, and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace. Especially to those joining us at this service. That with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness, and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in thy mercy
All Hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, remembering those that we wish to name in our hearts at this time.

Lord in thy mercy
All Hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life, in thy faith and fear. Beseeching thee to give us grace to follow their good example, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in thy mercy
All Hear our prayer.

Grant this O Father for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

All Amen.

And now wherever you've been, whoever you are, thank you so much for joining us for our worship this morning.

GRACE

And the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all, evermore.

All Amen.

HYMN

Guide me O thou Great Redeemer

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Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

Arglwydd arwain drwy'r anialwch
William Williams (1717-1791), tr Peter Williams (1727-1796)
Tune: Cwm Rhonda

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