

A Service of Choral Evensong
First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Our Mission:

*To know Christ, to make him known, and to serve all people
according to His example*

The Evening Office

VOLUNTARY

Steal Away

setting, Iain Farrington

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PRECES (sung)

Tryon Service in G

Richard Shephard

V O Lord, open thou our lips.
R And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V O God, make speed to save us.
R O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

chant, William Roberts

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

I Peter 3: 18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

in E flat

Richard Shephard

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

in E flat

Richard Shephard

THE APOSTLES' CREED (sung by all)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

RESPONSES (sung)

Tryon Service in G

Richard Shephard

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.

V Let us pray.

R Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Choir)

SUFFRAGES (sung)

V O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R And grant us thy salvation

V O Lord, save the State.

R And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R And make thy chosen people joyful.

V O Lord, save thy people.

R And bless thine inheritance.

V Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

V O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (sung)

Officiant Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE (sung)

Officiant Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

People **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS (sung)

Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Stephan Casurella

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE BENEDICAMUS DOMINO (sung)

V Let us bless the Lord.

R 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 Spirit, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen.**

HYMN 148 (vs. 1, 3 & 5) Creator of the earth and skies

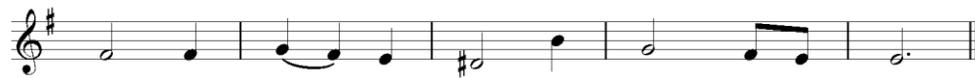
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1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
 4 know - ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

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