

S. STEPHEN'S CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

Evensong & Benediction for the First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, 6 March 2022

5:30 pm

PRE-EVENSONG ORGAN RECITAL

played by Jeffrey Mills

Praeludium in fis-moll, BuxWV 146 Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637 – 1707)

12 Choral-Preludes on Gregorian Chant Themes, Op. 8 Jeanne Demessieux (1921 – 1968)
III. Attende Domine

Fantasia e fuga sul nome di Jeanne Demessieux Carlotta Ferrari (b. 1975)

Sonatina Leo Sowerby (1895 – 1968)
II. Very slowly

All stand when the bell is rung at the entrance procession.

OPENING SENTENCES

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. *Psalm 141:2*

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

PRECES & RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572 - 1656)

Officiant ✠ O LORD, open thou our lips.

Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.

Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

All remain standing to sing the following hymn (found in the hymnals in the pew racks)

OFFICE HYMN – 143 “The glory of these forty days”

Erbalt uns, Herr

PSALM 103 – *Benedic, anima mea (Please be seated)*

chant: Ivor Atkins (1869-1953)

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name. 2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine infirmities; 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness; 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle. 6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong. 7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel. 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness. 9 He will not always be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever. 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses. 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him. 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us. 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him. 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust. 15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field. 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children; 18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them. 19 The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; * ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word. 21 O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure. 22 O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: * praise thou the LORD, O my soul. Glory be...

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – *Daniel 9:3-10*

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and terrible God, who keeps covenant and

steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from thy commandments and ordinances; we have not listened to thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To thee, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us confusion of face, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those that are near and those that are far away, in all the lands to which thou hast driven them, because of the treachery which they have committed against thee. To us, O Lord, belongs confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness; because we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT – *Evening Service in G (Please stand)*

Daniel Purcell (c. 1670-1717)

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – *John 12:44-50 (Please be seated)*

Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in me, believes not in me but in him who sent me. And he who sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. If any one hears my sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects me and does not receive my sayings has a judge; the word that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day. For I have not spoken on my own authority; the Father who sent me has himself given me commandment what to say and what to speak. And I

know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has bidden me.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS – *Evening Service in G (Please stand)*

Daniel Purcell

✠ 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

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Answer And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel if you are able to do so.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Answer And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Answer And make thy chose people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Answer And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

The First Collect

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Third 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.**

The Grace

✠ THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

ANTHEM – *Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes*

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei, quam multi insurgunt contra me. Quam multi dicunt de anima mea, non est ulla salus isti in Deo plane. At tu, Jehova, clypeus est circa me: Gloria mea, et extollens caput meum. Voce mea ad Jehovam

clamanti, respondit mihi e monte sanctitatis suae maxime. Ego cubui et dormivi, ego expergefeci me, quia Jehova sustentat me. Non timebo a myriadibus populi, quas circumdisposuerint metatores contra me. Surge, surge Jehova, fac saluum me, Deus mi; qui percussisti omnes inimicos meos maxilliam, dentes improborum confregisti. Jehova est salus super populum tuum, sit benedictio tua maxime.

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! many are they that rise up against me. Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah. laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly. Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people.

An offering will be taken during the Anthem for the music program at S. Stephen's. Our evening choral services are funded entirely outside our operating budget through the generosity of our parishioners, friends, and visitors. We appreciate your support.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please kneel when the bell is rung.

HYMN – *O Saving Victim, opening wide*

Martyr Dei



1 O SAVING victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press on from every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. *Amen.*

Here follows a period of silence.

HYMN – *Therefore we, before him bending*

Tantum ergo



1 THEREFORE we, before him bending, 2 Glory let us give and blessing
This great Sacrament revere; To the Father and the Son,
Types and shadows have their ending, Honor, thanks, and praise addressing,
For the newer rite is here; While eternal ages run;
Faith, our outward sense befriending, Ever too his love confessing
Makes our inward vision clear. Who from both with both is One. *Amen.*



Priest Thou gavest them Bread from heaven.

People **Containing in itself all sweetness.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a Memorial of Thy Passion; Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption; who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

The priest makes the Sign of the Cross over the Congregation with the Blessed Sacrament.

THE DIVINE PRAISES *(said by the Priest and repeated by the Congregation)*

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, Guardian of the Incarnate Word.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

The bell is rung as the priest places the Sacrament back in the tabernacle.

All stand.

PSALM 117 – *Laudate Dominum*

Tone V

Antiphon: Let us forever adore the Most Holy Sacrament. 1. O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him all ye peoples. 2. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord. Glory be... Let us forever adore...

VOLUNTARY – *A voluntary for ye duple organ*

Henry Purcell

Please remain in your pews until the Choir and Altar Party have exited the Church.

Guest Organist for Evensong: Jeffrey Mills

Soloists at the Magnificat: Jason Connell, Grant Randall, *tenors*; Devon Russo, *bass*.

Soloists at the Anthem: Jason Connell, *tenor*; Martin Cowley, *bass*.

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