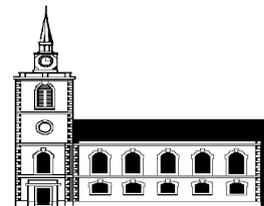


St James Church, Piccadilly

Sunday 22nd March 2020

The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)



OPENING HYMN

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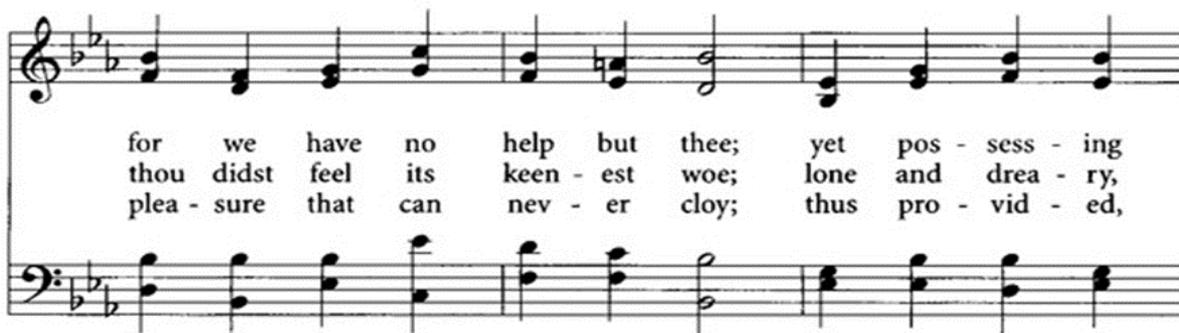
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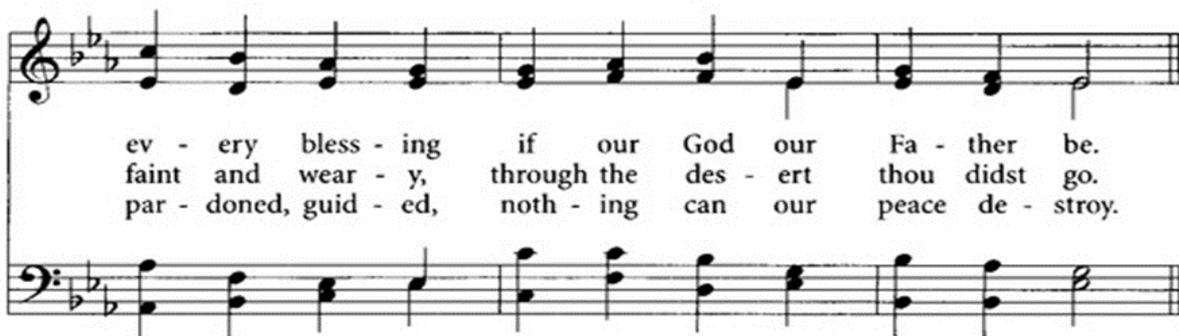
1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sav - iour, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spir - it of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with



pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us,
heaven - ly joy, love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,



for we have no help but thee; yet pos - sess - ing
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; lone and drea - ry,
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,



ev - ery bless - ing if our God our Fa - ther be.
faint and wear - y, through the des - ert thou didst go.
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace de - stroy.

WELCOMING OF THE PEOPLE

Priest: Grace, mercy and peace from God
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The priest introduces the service.

**ALL: Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The priest introduces the Confession.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**ALL: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy
and walk humbly with you our God.
Amen.**

KYRIE (*MacNamara*)

Cantor: When our life is at its strongest

ALL: When our days are at their longest

Cantor: Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: At the first coming of the dawn

ALL: On the life that's newly born

Cantor: Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: At the turning of the tide

ALL: On life's ocean deep and wide

Cantor: Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: When our powers are nearly done

ALL: At the setting of the sun

Cantor: Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: When we come to breathe our last

ALL: When the gates of death are passed

Cantor: Kyrie eleison (*Lord have mercy*)

ALL: Lord have mercy.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRAYER FOR THE DAY - THE COLLECT

Priest: God of compassion,
whose son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human
family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living,
that in joy and sorrow we may know the
power of your presence to bind together
and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1-13

After the reading:

Reader: Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Before the Gospel:

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy God.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Cantor: Glory to you O Lord.

ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: John 9

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cantor: Praise to you O Christ.

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

After the Gospel:

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy God.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

SERMON

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

During Lent, we will say the 4th century Apostles' Creed

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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, he is seated at the
right hand of the Father, and he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN

[John Bell; Wild Goose Publications]

She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
Hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
She sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
Waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.

She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
Lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
She nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
Nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.

She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
Waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
She weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
Nor can she be captured, silenced or restrained.

For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
Gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
She is the key opening the scriptures,
Enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Priest: God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Christ.

ALL: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give thanks and praise.

*The President continues the Church's prayer of
thanksgiving ...*

SANCTUS

Cantor: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord.*

God of heaven and earth adored.

Ceasing never, God for ever,

Holy Lord.

*(repeat as a round, second part starting at *)*

*The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's
command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with:
"... as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"*

Cantor: Praise to you Lord Jesus:

ALL: Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life.

Come, O Christ.

Come, O Christ, in glory.

The prayer continues. At the end of the prayer:

Cantor: Blessing and honour, glory and pow'r,

ALL: Blessing and honour and glory and pow'r,

Cantor: be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

ALL: be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

ALL: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

The Bread is broken:

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of
Christ.

**ALL: Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: Agnus Dei

ALL: qui tollis peccata,

peccata mundi,

Miserere nobis, miserere nobis,

(slower) **miserere nobis.**

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata,

peccata mundi,

**Dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem,
(slower) dona nobis pacem.**

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
grant us peace.*

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**ALL: Eternal God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his
back to the smiters and did not hide his
face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of
this present time with sure confidence in
the glory that will be revealed:
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

HYMN

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 trav'ling days are done.

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Priest: Go in the peace of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.