



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF  
ALL SAINTS

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 4:00 PM

Festal Evensong for  
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Friar, 1226



*The Ecstasy of St. Francis – Stefano di Giovanni, 1444*

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Introit

Lord, Make Us Servants

O. GIBBONS (C.1583-1625)

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace;  
Where there is hate, may we sow love;  
Where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
Where there is strife, may we make one.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
To be consoled, but to console,  
Nor look to understanding hearts,  
But look for hearts to understand.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
Where all is night, may we sow light;  
Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

4 May we not look for love's return,  
But seek to love unselfishly,  
For in our giving we receive,  
And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn  
Through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
To wake at last in heaven's light.

*Words:* St. Francis of Assisi (paraphrased by James Quinn)

### Opening Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus

ST. ELIZABETH

1 Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honour,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

4 All fairest beauty,  
Heavenly and earthly,  
Wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee;  
None can be nearer,  
Fairer, or dearer,  
Than thou my Saviour art to me.

*Words:* *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677;  
trans. *Church Chorals and Choir Studies*, 1850

*Music:* Melody Silesian trad.;  
*Schleisiche Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842;  
Descant by P. Halley

## **Exhortation**

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 humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

## **Confession**

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.

## **Absolution**

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, 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 we 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.

*Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be 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 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.

## Preces

H. SUMSION (1899-1995)

### *Precentor:*

*O Lord, open thou our lips;  
O God, make speed to save us;  
GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
Praise ye the Lord;*

### **Choir:**

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

## Psalm

148 *Laudate Dominum.*

C. V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

O PRAISE the LORD from the heavens: / praise him in the heights.  
2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: / praise him, all his host.  
3 Praise him, sun and moon: / praise him, all ye stars of light.  
4 Praise him, all ye heavens, / and ye waters that are above the heavens.  
5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; / for he commanded and they were created.  
6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: / he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.  
7 PRAISE the LORD from the earth, / ye dragons and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour, / wind and storm, fulfilling his word;  
9 Mountains and all hills; / fruitful trees and all cedars;  
10 Beasts and all cattle; / creeping things and feathered fowls;  
11 Kings of the earth, and all peoples; / princes and all judges of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens together; / old men and children;  
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; / for his Name only is excellent, and his glory above heaven and earth.  
14 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him: / even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

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          Jeremiah 22. 13 – 16

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;

14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is cieled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.

15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest thyself in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, and then it was well with him?

16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him: was not this to know me? saith the Lord.

## Office Hymn          *Iste Confessor.*

*MODE II*

1. He, whose confession God of old accepted,  
Whom through the ages all now hold in honour,  
Gaining his guerdon this day came to enter  
Heaven's high portal.

2. God-fearing, watchful, pure of mind and body,  
Holy and humble, thus did all men find him;  
While, through his members, to the life immortal  
Mortal life called him.

3. Thus to the weary, from the life enshrined,  
Potent in virtue, flowed humane compassion;  
Sick and sore laden, howsoever burdened,  
There they found healing.

4. So now in chorus, giving God the glory,  
Raise we our anthem gladly to his honour,  
That in fair kinship we may all be sharers  
Here and hereafter.

5. Honour and glory, power and salvation,  
Be in the highest unto him who reigneth  
Changeless in heaven over earthly changes,  
Triune, eternal. Amen.

*Words: Latin 8<sup>th</sup> century, translated by L. Housman (1865-1959)*

## Magnificat          The Evening Service in C by C. V. STANFORD

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

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.

## **Second Lesson    Matthew 11. 24 – 30**

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

## **Nunc Dimittis    The Evening Service in C by STANFORD**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has 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.

## **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.

## **Mutual Salutation**

H. SUMSION

### ***Precentor:***

*The Lord be with you;*

*Let us pray.*

### **Choir:**

And with thy spirit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Lord's Prayer

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## Versicles & Responses

H. SUMSION

### *Precentor:*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;*

*O Lord, save the Queen;*

*Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;*

*O Lord, save thy people;*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us;*

### **Choir:**

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

And evermore mightily defend us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## Collects

LORD we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (for Trinity 17)

O GOD, who didst inspire Saint Francis with surpassing love of thee and of all thy creatures: Grant that, after his example, we may walk in singleness of heart, counting the wisdom of this world as foolishness, and determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ and him crucified; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

(for St. Francis; from the Canadian Book of Occasional Offices, 1964)

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 Saviour. **Amen.**

(for Peace)

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 Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

(for Aid against all Perils)

## Anthem

Beatus Franciscus

J. DE ALISEDA (1548-91)

Beatus Franciscus, dum morti appropinquaret,  
lacrimosis oculis in coelum intendens dixit:  
voce mea ad Dominum clamavi,  
voce mea ad Dominum deprecatus sum:  
educ de custodia animam meam ad confitendum nomini tuo  
me expectant justi donec retribuas mihi.

*When the blessed Francis was close to death,  
with tears in his eyes, looking up to heaven, he said:  
'I cried unto the Lord with my voice;  
with my voice unto the Lord did I make my supplication.  
Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name:  
the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.'*

Words: Psalm 142: vv. 1 & 7

## Prayers

### Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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.*



**Closing Hymn**      All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1 All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice! *R*

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show. *R*

6 And thou most kind and gentle Death,  
Waiting to hush our latest breath,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou ledest home the child of God,  
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod. *R*

*Words:* St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)  
“Cantico di fratre sole”; tr. W. Draper

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light. *R*

5 And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care! *R*

7 Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One! *R*

*Music:* *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623;  
harm. R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
Descant by P. Halley

**Voluntary**      Fugue in C Minor

J. S. BACH (BWV 582)



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