



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Sunday November 22nd 2020 at 4:00 PM

Evensong for the Sunday Next Before Advent
Commemorating St. Cecilia



Cecilia – Guido Reni (1575-1642)

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Introit

Cantantibus organis

P. PHILLIPS (c.1560-1628)

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Caecilia virgo in corde suo

solī domino decantabat dicens:

'Fiat domine cor meum et corpus meum
immaculatum ut non confundar.'

While the musicians played,

Cecilia the virgin sang in her heart

only to the Lord, saying:

'Lord, let my heart and body

remain without stain, that I be not put to shame.'

Words: Antiphon at Vespers for St. Cecilia

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn Give Me The Wings Of Faith

SONG 67

1 Give me the wings of faith to rise

Within the veil, and see

The saints above, how great their joys,

How bright their glories be.

2 Once they were mourning here below,

And wet their couch with tears;

They wrestled hard, as we do now,

With sins and doubts and fears.

3 I ask them whence their victory came,

They, with united breath,

Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,

Their triumph to his death.

4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,

His zeal inspired their breast,

And, following their incarnate God,

Possess the promised rest.

5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise

For his own pattern given;

While the long cloud of witnesses

Show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: O. Gibbons (1583-1625)

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

W. BYRD (c.1539-1623)

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.

Psalms

81 *Exultate Deo.*

J. ROBINSON

82 *Deus stetit.*

P. HALLEY

O SING merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.
3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, / at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.
4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.
5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, / when he went forth against the land of Egypt.
6 I HEARD the voice of one that I knew not: / 'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.
7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; / I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.
8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: / O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!
9 There shall no strange god be in thee, / neither shalt thou worship any other god.
10 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: / open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.
11 BUT my people would not hear my voice; / and Israel would not obey me.
12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, / and let them follow their own imaginations.
13 O that my people would hearken unto me, / that Israel would walk in my ways!
14 I should soon put down their enemies, / and turn my hand against their adversaries.
15 The haters of the LORD should feign obedience unto him; / but their time should endure for ever.
16 I would feed them also with the finest wheatflour; / and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy thee.'

GOD standeth in the divine assembly; / in the midst of the gods he judgeth:
2 'How long will ye give wrong judgement, / and accept the persons of the ungodly?
3 Do justice for the poor and the fatherless; / see that such as are in need and necessity have right.
4 Deliver the outcast and poor; / save them from the hand of the ungodly.'
5 THEY have neither knowledge nor understanding; they walk on still in darkness; / all the foundations of the earth are out of course.
6 I have said, 'Ye are gods, / and ye are all the children of the Most High.
7 But ye shall die like men, / and fall like one of the princes.'
8 ARISE, O God, and judge thou the earth; / for thou shalt take all nations to thine inheritance.

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 Malachi 3. 13 – 4. end

Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Office Hymn *Jesu, Corona Virginum.*

MODE VIII

1 Jesu, the Virgins' Crown, do thou Accept us as in prayer we bow; Born of that Virgin whom alone The Mother and the Maid we own.	2 Amongst the lilies thou dost feed, With Virgin choirs accompanied— With glory decked, the spotless brides Whose bridal gifts thy love provides.
3 They, wheresoe'er thy footsteps bend, With hymns and praises still attend; In blessèd troops they follow thee, With dance, and song, and melody.	4 We pray thee therefore to bestow Upon our senses here below Thy grace, that so we may endure From taint of all corruption pure.
5 All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the holy Paraclete.	

Words: Ambrose of Milan, 4th cent.; trans. J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Magnificat The Short Evening Service by W. BYRD

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 **Hebrews 11. 17 – 12. 2**

By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Nunc Dimittis The Short Evening Service by BYRD

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

BYRD

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

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. Amen.

Versicles & Responses

BYRD

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

STIR Up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O GOD, who didst bestow upon thy Saints such marvellous virtue, that they were able to stand fast, and have the victory against the world, the flesh, and the devil: Grant that we, who now commemorate thy Martyr Cecilia, may ever rejoice in their fellowship, and also be enabled by thy grace to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold upon eternal life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Anthem

A Hymn for St. Cecilia

H. HOWELLS (1892-1983)

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,
in words of youth and phrases of the Spring,
walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,
and sing as sunlight fills the waking day ;
till angels, voyaging in upper air
pause on a wing and gather the clear sound
into celestial joy, wound and unwound,
a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,
in words of music, and each word a truth ;
marriage of heart and longings that aspire,
a bond of roses, and a ring of fire.
Your summertime grows short and fades away,
terror must gather to a martyr's death ;
but never tremble, the last indrawn breath
remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries
Cecilia's music dances in the skies,
lend us a fragment of the immortal air,
that with your choiring angels we may share,
a word to light us thro' time-fettered night,
water of life, or rose of paradise
so from the earth another song shall rise
to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

Words: Ursula Vaughan Williams (1911-2007)

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 Thy Kingdom Come!

IRISH

1 Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.

3 And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near.

2 But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.

4 The day in whose clear shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed.

5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad;
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

Words: Frederick L. Hosmer (1840–1929)

Music: melody from *A Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems* by S. Powell (Dublin, 1749)
Descant by P. Halley

Voluntary Pièce Héroïque

C. FRANCK (1822-90)



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