

HAMPSTEAD PARISH CHURCH

Choral Evensong
Sunday 20 September 2020
5.00 pm

The Eve of St Matthew

Preparation

Introit

Gehe hin in deine Kammer

Go in, into your room;
God's people, enter the grave.
Go with joy: lay your woes forever down.
Be comforted: on all sides angels will accompany you.

Go, when your time has come,
When the door but briefly opens and closes again;
Angels will keep watch.
And the time will soon pass by
Until the joyful resurrection.

Words: cf Matthew 6. 6 and Isaiah 26.20

Music: Max Reger

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.

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, saying after me:

Kneel or sit

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.

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; and 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 let us 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.**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in 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.**

The Preces

Sung by the choir
O Lord, open thou our lips
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
O God, make speed to save us
O Lord, make haste to help us

Please stand

*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.*

Smith

Please sit

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 119. 113 - 136

Sung by the choir

Iniquos odio habui

113 I HATE them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.
115 Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.
116 O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.
119 Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.
120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

Feci iudicium

I DEAL with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.
122 Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.
123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.
124 O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.
125 I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.
126 It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.
127 For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.
128 Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

Mirabilia

THY testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.

132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133 Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.

135 Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

Please stand

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.' A'men.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 33. 13 - 17

Please stand

Magnificat

Sung by the Choir

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 be 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.

Music: Tomkins Fifth Service

Words: from St. Luke I.

Please sit

New Testament Reading

Matthew 6. 19 - end

Please stand

Nunc dimittis

Sung by the Choir

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.
Music: Tomkins Fifth Service *Words from St. Luke II*

All turn to face the altar and all say together

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 Catholick Church,
The Communion of Saints:
The forgiveness of sins:
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

Remain standing

The Prayers

Sung by the choir

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

All kneel or sit

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father,

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation
O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness
And make thy chosen people joyful
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. . **Amen.**

The 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 both 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

The Collect, for Aid against all 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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Please sit

The Anthem

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam: et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius: et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.
Alleluia.

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart: and his feet do not falter.
Alleluia*

Word: Psalm 37. 30 – 31 (Vulgate)

Music: Anton Bruckner

Rev'd Jeremy Fletcher

Sermon

Intercessions

Blessing

Final Amen: *Brahms Fest – und Gedenksprüche III*

Today marks the end of Tilly Mattich's time with us as Organ Scholar. Tilly is going to Robinson College Cambridge as Organ Scholar – with our prayers and blessings.