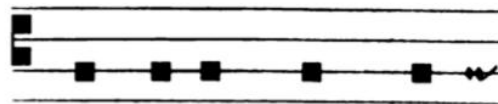


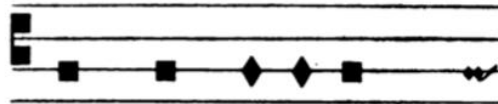


# Evensong.

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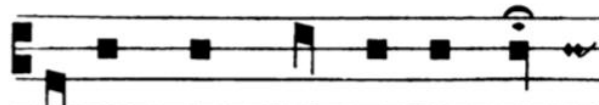


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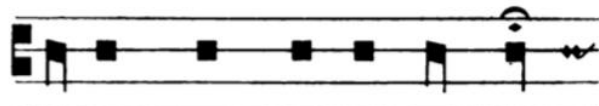
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God make speede to saue me.

Quere.



lorde make hast to helpe me.  
Glory

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
(LAETARE SUNDAY)

19 February 2023

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# EVENSONG

*Please stand when the bells are rung. The Ministers enter as a hymn is sung.*

*May this Lenten discipline  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

1. Sin has sundered us from God,  
selfish we have grown and cold,  
foolish were the ways we trod,  
evil habits keep their hold.

*May this Lenten discipline  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

2. Now we fast that we may feast  
where the Lord of Life presides;  
may our hunger be increased  
for the bread which he provides.

*May this Lenten discipline  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

3. As we keep this Lent with prayer  
and from pleasures are withdrawn,  
minds and bodies we prepare  
for the joy of Easter dawn.

*May this Lenten discipline  
which we undertake with love,  
turn our minds to things above.*

*James Phillip McAuley 1917-76  
TIS 463*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.  
R. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.  
R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.  
R. **The Lord's name be praised.**

*The Officiant welcomes the congregation. Please sit as we sing together the PSALM.*

PSALM 69:20-28

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour :  
mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

Thy rebuke hath broken my heart; I am full of heaviness :  
I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man,  
neither found I any to comfort me.

They gave me gall to eat :  
and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal :  
and let the things that should have been for their wealth  
be unto them an occasion of falling.

Let their eyes be blinded, that they see not :  
and ever bow thou down their backs.

Pour out thine indignation upon them :  
and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them.

Let their habitation be void :  
and no man to dwell in their tents.

For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten :  
and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded.

Let them fall from one wickedness to an-other:  
and not come into thy righteousness.

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.

*Remain seated for the FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament.*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

[5:1-9, 19-6:1]

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness.’’ But Pharaoh said, ‘Who is the Lord, that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and I will not let Israel go.’ Then they said, ‘The God of the Hebrews has revealed himself to us; let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness to sacrifice to the Lord our God, or he will fall upon us with pestilence or sword.’ But the king of Egypt said to them, ‘Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their work? Get to your labours!’ Pharaoh continued, ‘Now they are more numerous than the people of the land and yet you want them to stop working!’ That same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, as well as their supervisors, ‘You shall no longer give the people straw to make bricks, as before; let them go and gather straw for themselves. But you shall require of them the same quantity of bricks as they have made previously; do not diminish it, for they are lazy; that is why they cry, “Let us go and offer sacrifice to our God.” Let heavier work be laid on them; then they will labour at it and pay no attention to deceptive words.’ The Israelite supervisors saw that they were in trouble when they were told, ‘You shall not lessen your daily number of bricks.’ As they left Pharaoh, they came upon Moses and Aaron who were waiting to meet them. They said to them, ‘The Lord look upon you and judge! You have brought us into bad odour with Pharaoh and his officials, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.’

Then Moses turned again to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord, why have you mistreated this people? Why did you ever send me? Since I first came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has mistreated this people, and you have done nothing at all to deliver your people.’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: Indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land.’

Here endeth the first lesson.

*Please stand to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

SET B

W. KNYVETT. (from Handel)



MY ✕ soul doth | magnify the | Lord :  
and my spirit hath re | joicèd in | God my | Saviour.  
For he | hath re | garded :  
The | lowliness | of his | hand-maiden.  
For be | hold, from | henceforth :  
all gene | rations shall | call me | blessèd.  
For he that is mighty hath | magni•fièd | me :  
And | holy | is his | Name.  
And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :  
Through | out all | gene | rations.  
He hath shewèd | strength • with his | arm :  
he hath scatterèd the proud in the imagi | nation | of their | hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :  
and hath ex | alted the | humble and | meek.  
He hath fillèd the hungry with | good | things :  
and the rich he | hath sent | empty a | way.  
He re | membering his | mercy :  
hath | holpen his | servant | Israel.  
As he promisèd | to our | fore•fathers :  
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. A | - - | men.

*Please sit for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.*

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, 'It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money.' After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, 'And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me.'

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of

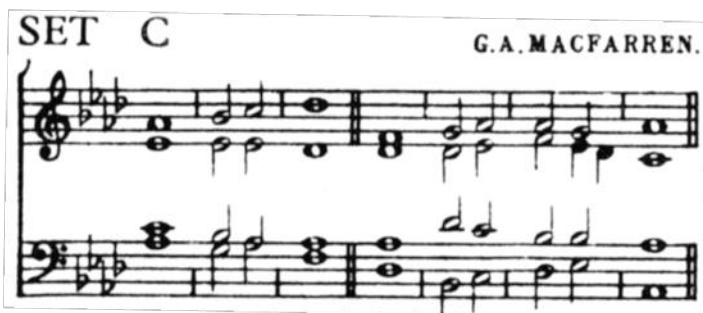
them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Here endeth the second lesson.

*Please stand to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon*



LORD now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :  
ac | cording | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have | seen thy sal | vation :  
which thou hast preparèd 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. A | - - | men.

*The APOSTLES' CREED is said.*

**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.

*The VERSICLES AND RESPONSES are sung.*

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.

*All kneel or sit*

V. Let us pray.  
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R. **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The LORD'S PRAYER is sung*

**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. Amen.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
V. O Lord, save the King.  
R. **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**



V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. **And bless thine inheritance.**

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Officiant sings the COLLECTS.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that 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. **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 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.**

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 for the MUSICAL REFLECTION*

*Please kneel for the PRAYERS, which conclude*

✠ 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.

*Please stand to sing the hymn*

1. Love will be our Lenten calling,  
love to shake and shatter sin,  
waking every closed, cold spirit,  
stirring new life deep within,  
till the quickened heart remembers  
what our Easter birth can mean.

2. Peace will be our Lenten living  
as we turn for home again,  
longing for the words of pardon,  
stripping off old grief and pain,  
till we stand, restored and joyful,  
with the Church on Easter day.

3. Truth will be our Lenten learning:  
hear the Crucified One call!  
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,  
images and idols fall,  
and, in Easter's holy splendour,  
God alone is all in all.

*Elizabeth J. Smith 1956 -  
TIS 684*

*Remain standing for the BLESSING.*

*The organist plays the POSTLUDE*

*Please join us for cheese and wine after the service.*

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# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

2 April Palm 8am Eucharist  
Sunday 9.30am Choral Eucharist with Palms  
6pm Choral Evensong

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4 April Holy 7.30pm Choral Tenebrae  
Tuesday

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6 April Maundy 7pm Choral Eucharist & Vigil  
Thursday

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7 April Good 10am Liturgy of the Day  
Friday 3pm Children & Families' Service

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9 April Easter 8am Eucharist  
Sunday 9.30am Choral Eucharist