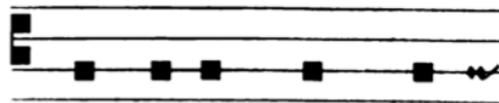


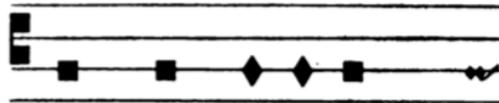


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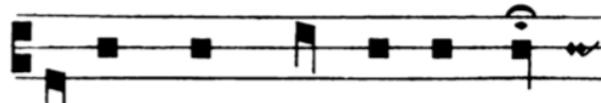


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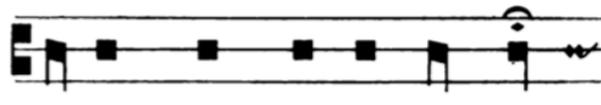
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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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# CHORAL EVENSONG

*The Choir sing the INTROIT 'Vexilla Regis' by Anton Bruckner. Please stand when the bells are rung. A hymn is sung as the ministers and choir enter.*

1. The God of Abraham praise  
who reigns enthroned above,  
ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love:  
the Lord, the great I AM  
by earth and heaven confessed!  
We bow and bless the sacred name  
for ever blessed.

2. The God of Abraham praise,  
whose all-sufficient grace  
shall guide us all our happy days  
in all our ways.  
He calls us each a friend,  
he calls himself our God;  
and he shall save us to the end  
through Jesus' blood.

3. He by himself has sworn,  
we on his oath depend:  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face,  
we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace  
for evermore.

4. The God who reigns on high  
the great archangels sing,  
and 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,  
'almighty King!;  
who was and is the same  
and evermore shall be,  
the Lord, our Father, great I AM  
eternally.

**5. Before the Saviour's face  
the ransomed nations bow,  
all praising his almighty grace,  
for ever new.  
He shows his wounds of love,  
they kindle to a flame  
and sound through all the worlds above  
the slaughtered Lamb.**

**6. The whole triumphant host  
gives thanks to God on high:  
'Hail, Father, Son and Spirit blest!'  
they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and ours!  
with heaven our songs we raise:  
all might and majesty are yours,  
and endless praise.**

*Thomas Olivers 1725-99 alt  
based on the Jewish 'Yigdal' c. 13th cent. And Revelation 4 and 5  
TIS 125*

*During Lent, a general Confession is said of the whole Congregation after the Minister*

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, saying after me:

**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.

*The Absolution or Remission of sins is pronounced by the Priest*

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.

*The PRECES according to the Ferial Setting are sung*

V. O Lord, open thou our lips. *Here it is customary to trace a cross on the lips.*

R. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O ✠ God, make speed to save us. *Here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*

R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'*

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 the Choir sing the PSALM.*

[Psalm 119:9-24]

WHEREWITHAL shall a young man cleanse his way :  
even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee :

O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart :

that I should not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord :

O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling :

of all the judgements of thy mouth.

I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies :

as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments :

and have respect unto thy ways.

My delight shall be in thy statutes :

and I will not forget thy word.

O do well unto thy servant :

that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes :

that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

I am a stranger upon earth :

O hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire :

that it hath always unto thy judgements.

Thou hast rebuked the proud :

and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.

O turn from me shame and rebuke :

for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me :

but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.

For thy testimonies are my delight :  
and my counsellors.

*Here it is customary to bow until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’*

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

[2:23-3:8a]

After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, ‘I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.’ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, ‘Moses, Moses!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then he said, ‘Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.’ He said further, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, ‘I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Here endeth the first lesson.

*All stand for the Choir to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

MY ✠ soul doth magnify the Lord: *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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 shewed 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.

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'*

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.

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, by Herbert Sumsion in A*

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

[26:36-56]

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I go over there and pray.' He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.' Then he came to the disciples and found

them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' Again he went away for the second time and prayed, 'My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.' Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him. Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Here endeth the second lesson.

*All stand for the Choir to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon*

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.

*Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’*

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.

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, by Herbert Sumson in A*

*The APOSTLES’ CREED is said as all face the window of ‘Christ the Light of the World’*

**I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in *here it is customary to make a slight bow* 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 ☩ *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross* of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The VERSICLES AND RESPONSES according to the Ferial Setting are sung*

V. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*All kneel*

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 by the Choir and congregation*

**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: the first of the Day, the second for Lent, the third for Peace, and the fourth for Aid against all Perils*

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 as the Choir sing the Anthem, 'Solus ad Victimam' by Kenneth Leighton.*

*All kneel for the INTERCESSIONS, 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.**

*The NOTICES may be given here.*

*Please stand to sing the hymn. A collection is taken up to support the parish's life and mission.*

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy refuge fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! Leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me:  
all my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want,  
more than all in thee I find,  
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
false of full of sin I am,  
thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within:  
thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee,  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

*Charles Wesley 1707-88 alt  
TIS 211(i)*

*Remain standing for the BLESSING.*

*Please sit for the ORGAN POSTLUDE, "Lenten Ordeal" by Bruce Fethers who writes:*

*I sketched out this piece while at university and forgot about it. I rediscovered it in January and have written it out properly and this will be the first performance! It evokes the challenges of the 40 days and nights, the ministrations of the angels and then the harsh journey towards Easter Day.*

*Please join us for Cheese and Wine following the service*



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