EVENSONG
&
BENEDICTION



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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EVENSONG

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

1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord:
she is his new creation
by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride,
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
the world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give to us the grace
like them, the meek and lowly,
in heaven to seek your face.

Samuel John Stone 1839-1900 alt
TIS 457

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 we sing together the PSALM.

PSALM 90:1-12

LORD, thou hast been our refuge :
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever the earth and the world were made :
thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction :
again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yester-day :

seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep :
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green, and groweth up :
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
For we consume away in thy displeasure :
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee :
and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
For when thou art angry all our days are gone :
we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
The days of our age are threescore years and ten;
and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years :
yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow;
so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
But who regardeth the power of thy wrath :
for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
So teach us to number our days :
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
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 Judges [5:1-12]

Then Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang on that day, saying:

'When locks are long in Israel,
when the people offer themselves willingly—
bless the Lord!

'Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes;
to the Lord I will sing,
I will make melody to the Lord, the God of Israel.

‘Lord, when you went out from Seir,
when you marched from the region of Edom,
the earth trembled,
and the heavens poured,
the clouds indeed poured water.
The mountains quaked before the Lord, the One of Sinai,
before the Lord, the God of Israel.

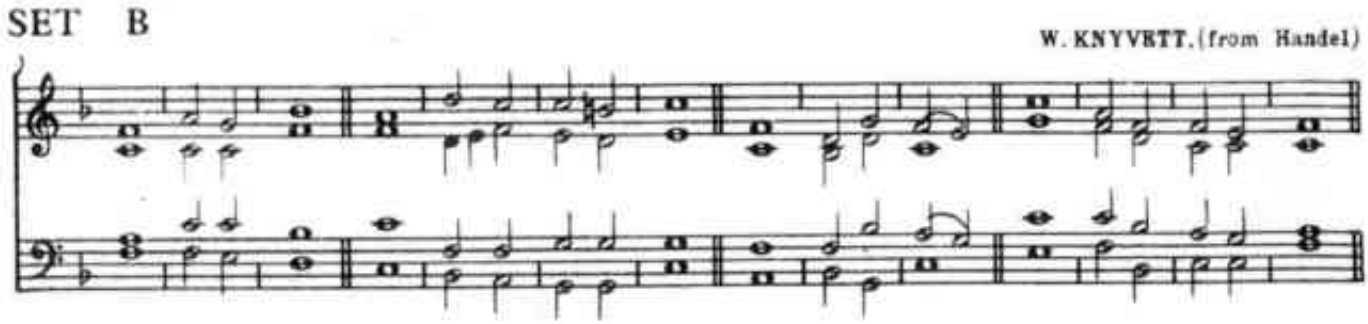
‘In the days of Shamgar son of Anath,
in the days of Jael, caravans ceased
and travellers kept to the byways.
The peasantry prospered in Israel,
they grew fat on plunder,
because you arose, Deborah,
arose as a mother in Israel.
When new gods were chosen,
then war was in the gates.
Was shield or spear to be seen
among forty thousand in Israel?
My heart goes out to the commanders of Israel
who offered themselves willingly among the people.
Bless the Lord.

‘Tell of it, you who ride on white donkeys,
you who sit on rich carpets,
and you who walk by the way.
To the sound of musicians at the watering-places,
there they repeat the triumphs of the Lord,
the triumphs of his peasantry in Israel.

‘Then down to the gates marched the people of the Lord.
‘Awake, awake, Deborah!
Awake, awake, utter a song!
Arise, Barak, lead away your captives,
O son of Abinoam.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Please stand 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 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.

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. A | - - | men.

Please sit for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.

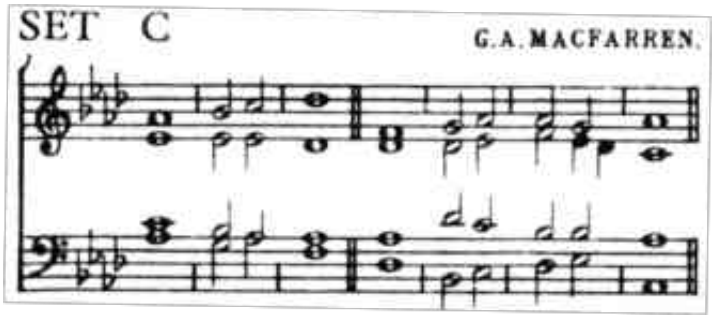
A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew [24.36-51]

‘But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

‘Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that wicked slave says to himself, “My master is delayed”, and he begins to beat his fellow-slaves, and eats and drinks with drunkards, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know. He will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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.
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. A | - - | men.

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

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. **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 stand to sing the hymn as the Blessed Sacrament is placed upon the altar

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise,
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
Sweet Sacrament divine, sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart,
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
Sweet Sacrament of peace, sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
Ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves;
save, lest we sink beneath the waves,
Sweet Sacrament of rest, sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away,
Sweet Sacrament divine, sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield 1835-1914
New English Hymnal 307

BENEDICTION

It is customary to kneel throughout the rite of Benediction, kneelers are provided for this purpose in the front row of chairs in the chapel. However those unable to kneel may remain seated. This hymn is sung kneeling as the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and honoured with incense
Kneel or sit

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74, tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66
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A LITANY or prayers are offered

Lord Jesus, we bless you for your great love which sustains us in good times and in bad: hear us as we pray in your name, saying:
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church throughout the world:
save us from self-righteousness and stir us to seek your peace.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the citizens of all nations:
quicken our love for the poor and our labours for justice.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer as a result of violence:
end their afflictions and rescue them from bitterness.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the young:
give them love and help them to grow into the fulness of their humanity.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those grown weary in their responsibilities and relationships:
refresh them with your Spirit and renew their hope.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all facing death:
uphold them in their hour of distress
and welcome them to the joys of eternal life.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we give you thanks for this day, now drawing to a close. May our prayer, rising before you like incense, be pleasing to you; and may our outstretched hands be filled with your mercy.

Silence

The LITANY concludes with the following response repeated three times

Blessed, praised and hallowed be Jesus Christ upon His Throne of Glory
and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

The priest and people sing together as the Blessed Sacrament is honoured with incense

5. Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

6. Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both, is one. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-74
tr. J. M. Neale 1818-66
NEH 268

V. Thou gavest them bread from heaven.
R. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion; grant us, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption: who livest and reignest, world without end. **Amen.**

Then BENEDICTION is given with the Blessed Sacrament. Bow down in profound adoration while the Priest gives Benediction. Make the sign of the Cross, and ask for your Saviour's blessing on yourself and on the whole Church. While the bell rings, say in your heart:

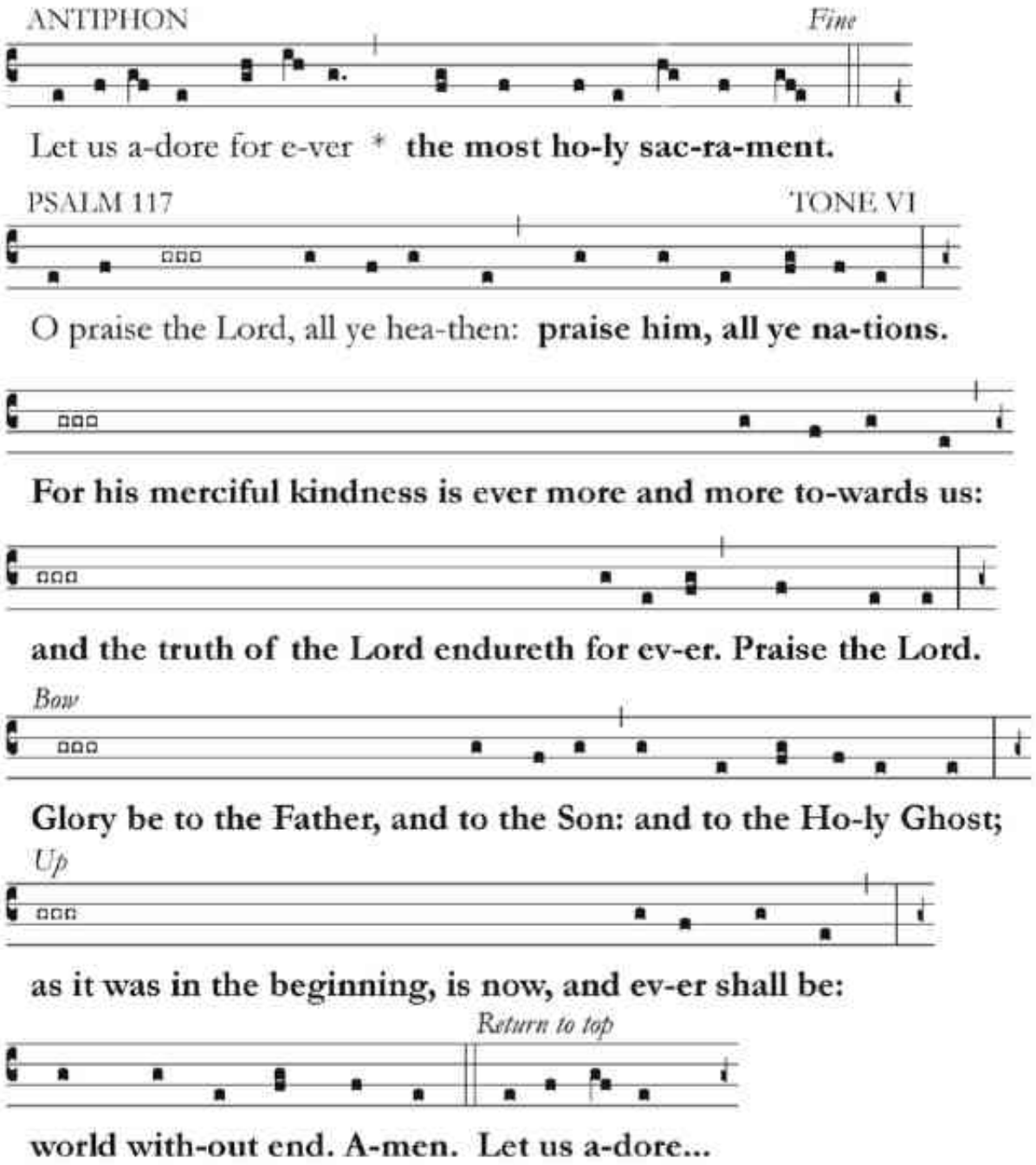
Blessed and praised every moment be the Most Holy and Divine Sacrament.

The priest then says, with the people repeating each line, the DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God.
Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

The following is sung



The organist plays the POSTLUDE

Please join us for cheese and wine after the service

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Christmas Day
Friday 25th December

8am Eucharist

9:30am Choral Eucharist

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