

A Service of the Word - The Big Sing for Music Sunday

Sunday 16th June 2024 • The Third Sunday after Trinity

Zoom: 9.50 Session opens 9.55 Gathering Music

Processional Hymn 753

1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
3. O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.
4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen. Amen.

Introduction, Greeting and Acclamation

In the name of the Father...

The Lord be with you:

O Lord, open our lips;

Let us worship the Lord:

Alleluia, Christ is risen:

All: and also with you.

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: all praise to his name.

All: he is risen indeed, alleluia!

Hymn 663 (*Families make their way to Godly Play*)

1. How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.
3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.
4. How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 589

1. Angel-voices ever singing round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee and confess thee Lord of might.
2. Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.
3. Yea, we know that thou rejoices o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all
combine.
4. In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.
5. Honour, glory, might and merit thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, blessed Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast givenearth and heaven render thee.

Penitence

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Collect

Hymn 621 (*Please remain seated or kneeling*)

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love.
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

A reading from first book of Chronicles

1 Chronicles 15. 16-22

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 721

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation: pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5. 15-21

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn 828

1. Ye that know the Lord is gracious, ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious, laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation, walls that may re-echo praise.
2. Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.
3. Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.

Homily *The Vicar*

Choir Anthem *O taste and see (Ralph Vaughan Williams)*

Prayers using the response:

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Hymn 453

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, Jesu, true and living bread.
2. Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia, alleluia, thou art here, we ask not how.
3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, we in worship join with them.
4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia, cleansing souls from every stain.
5. Life-imparting heavenly manna, stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia, risen, ascended, glorified!

Notices and Banns

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Recessional Hymn 652

1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises I will ever give to thee.

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