



VIGIL OF LAMENTATION AND HOPE

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021 AT 5.30PM

As the Choir sings 'Nada te turbe', as the ministers gather in the Presbytery

Nada te turbe, nada te espante; quiena Dios tiene nada le falta.
Nada te turbe, nada te espante; sólo Dios basta.

*Nothing can trouble, nothing an frighten;
those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;
God alone fills us.*

Music from the Taizé Community

The setting by Herbert Sumsion

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

The organist plays 'Attende Domine' by Jeanne Demessieux as the ministers move into the Nave

The Dean welcomes those gathered online

In the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity and
on behalf of this ancient foundation,
I welcome you warmly to Norwich Cathedral this evening.
For hundreds of years, this building has stood as a beacon of
hope and comfort for the people of Norwich and Norfolk;
It has stood through revolt and plague,
through civil war and world wars;
here we have given thanks for great achievements
and here we have brought our sorrows and grief,
and here we have sought forgiveness.

In our time together this evening, we mourn the loss of both those who died with or from Covid-19 and all who have died as a result of the pandemic.

We give thanks for their lives and commend them to God's arms of love and mercy; as, we pray, they now rest in God's brighter light and nearer presence.

We also bring our prayers together for the whole world. We will give thanks for the gift of medicine, for the triumph of scientific research and development, and around the Peace Globe, we will pray for those for whom the pandemic's power is still dominant, and for a more equitable sharing of the gift of the vaccine.

Let us pray.

God of consolation
whose Son Jesus Christ suffered death for us,
and rose again in glory;
help us to know your compassion in the pain of this pandemic,
help us to find ways of giving thanks
for those who we love and have lost;
and open our hearts and eyes and minds
to signs of your light and hope in a weary world,
that we may know ourselves bound together in love for you
and with those who have gone before us,
who now rest in your light and love.
Amen.

READING: Isaiah 25. 6-10 read by *The Lord Lieutenant, The Lady Dannatt MBE*

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

For the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Tune: Repton

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.

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.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

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.

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!

Words: John Whittier

Sit

THE SECOND READING: Revelation 21. 1-7 *read by The Dean*

A reading from the book of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

All For the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Stand
THE NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

The setting in A by Herbert Sumsion

THE RESPONSES *The setting by Herbert Sumsion*

Cantor The Lord be with you

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Kneel or sit

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the Queen.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Sit

THE COLLECTS

The priest sings the four collects.

Choir

ANTHEM: 'THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD'

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor:
he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind;
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord;
to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes,
the oil of joy for mourning,
the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
that they might be called trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.
For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it
to spring forth;
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring forth before all the nations.

Music by Edward Elgar (from 'The Apostles')

Words from Isaiah 61

READING: Mark 12. 28-34a

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark.

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.'

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers move to the Peace Globe as the Choir sings 'The day thou gavest'

Tune: St Clement

All The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the earth her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED, THE HEALTH SERVICE, AND FOR UNITY AND HOPE AMONGST ALL PEOPLE

As prayers are said, candles are lit on the Peace Globe

Into your hands, O merciful Saviour,
we commend those whom we have loved and lost in this pandemic;
for they are yours in death as in life.

In your great mercy,
gather them to yourself in gentleness and peace,
that rejoicing in the light and refreshment of your presence,
they may enjoy that rest
which you have prepared for your faithful servants;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of healing and compassion,
we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,
and for the dedication of all who work in it:
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who care for the sick,
and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.
Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,
that through their work
many will be restored to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of all time and space,
we pray for all the nations of the world during this pandemic;
help us to remember
that the difficulties we face
and the sadnesses we see are not just local,
but that we are part of a world wide family that is hurting;
guide the leaders of the nations in their decision making
and in their communication,
that words and deeds may be compassionate
and seek after the common good.

All **Amen.**

We pray for all who are suffering as a result of Covid-19;
that all who are suffering illness of body or mind
may know your presence near them,
and that by your mercy
they may be restored to good health of body and mind;
we ask this in the name of him, who suffered for us
and healed the sufferings of others, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

God of the journey,
whose risen Son walked with disciples to Emmaus;
walk with us on the voyage of life,
that amidst the confusions and trials of our pilgrimage,
we may know your company
in our companions on the way;
and may our hope be founded in the sure knowledge
that as we tread the path of life,
your Son has gone before us;
in his name we pray.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Bishop gives the blessing

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

The choir sings

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ, of Christ
The light of the world to you
Deep peace of Christ to you.

Words and music by John Rutter

THE DISMISSAL

Sung by the Choir

VOLUNTARY