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Our mission is to worship, love and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ
through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

The Reverend Canon Carl F. Turner, *Rector*

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2021

SOLEMN EUCHARIST – 12 p.m.
sung by the Gentlemen of the Choir

SETTING

The Playnsong Mass for a Meane

John Sheppard
(c. 1515-1560)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers

INTROIT

Plainsong (Mode I)

MISERERIS omnium, Domine,
et nihil odisti eorum quae fecisti,
dissimulans peccata hominum propter paenitentiam,
et parcens illis: quia tu es Dominus Deus noster.
Miserere mei Deus, miserere mei:
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Thou hast mercy upon all, O Lord,
and hatest none of the things which thou hast made,
overlooking the sins of men for the sake of repentance,
and sparing them: because thou art the Lord our God.
Have mercy on me, O God, and have mercy on me:
for my soul trusted in thee.
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.*

Introit for Ash Wednesday

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of
all those who 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, who liveth and reigneth with thee and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The People sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

The Lector concludes The Word of the Lord.
The People respond Thanks be to God.

THE Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.

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 EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

The Subdeacon concludes The Word of the Lord.

The People respond Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

TRACT*Sung by the Choir.**Plainsong (Mode II)*

DOMINE, non secundum peccata nostra,
quae fecimus nos: neque secundum iniquitates
nostras retribuas nobis.
Domine, ne memineris iniquitatem nostrarum antiquarum:
cito anticipent nos misericordiae tuae,
quia pauperes facti sumus nimis.
Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster:
et propter gloriam nominis tui, Domine, libera nos:
et propitius esto peccatis nostris, propter nomen tuum.

*Lord, do not deal with us
according to our sins
nor reward us according to our wickednesses.
Lord, remember not our old sins,
but have mercy upon us, and that right soon:
for we are come to great misery.
Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us,
and be merciful unto our sins, for thy Name's sake.*

Psalm 103:10 and Psalm 79:8-9

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Andrew St. John
Bishop in Residence

BIDDING

The People stand. The Celebrant invites the people to the observance of a holy Lent, saying

DEAR People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is then kept for a time, all kneeling.

The following psalm is then sung

PSALM 51:1-12, 21

Sung by the Choir.

*Gregorio Allegri
(c. 1582-1652)*

MISERERE mei, Deus: secundum magnam
misericordiam tuam.
Et secundum multitudinem miserationum
tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.
Amplius lava me ab iniquitate mea: et a peccato
meo munda me.
Quoniam iniquitatem meam ego cognosco:
et peccatum meum contra me est semper.
Tibi soli peccavi, et malum coram te feci:
ut justificeris in sermonibus tuis,
et vincas cum judicaris.
Ecce enim in iniquitatibus conceptus sum:
et in peccatis concepit me mater mea.
Ecce enim veritatem dilexisti:
incerta et occulta sapientiae tuae manifestasti mihi.
Asperges me hyssopo, et mundabor:
lavabis me, et super nivem dealbabor.
Auditui meo dabis gaudium et laetitiam:
et exsultabunt ossa humiliata.
Averte faciem tuam a peccatis meis:
et omnes iniquitates meas dele.
Cor mundum crea in me, Deus:
et spiritum rectum innova in visceribus meis.
Tunc acceptabis sacrificium justitiae,
oblationes, et holocausta:
tunc imponent super altare tuum vitulos.

*Have mercy upon me, O God:
after thy great goodness.
According to the multitude of thy mercies,
do away mine offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me
from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults:
and my sin is ever before me.
Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou art judged.
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
Turn thy face from my sins:
and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.
Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness,
with the burnt-offerings and oblations:
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.*

LITANY OF PENITENCE

The Celebrant and People together, all kneeling

MOST holy and merciful Father:
We confess to thee and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

The Celebrant continues

We have not loved thee with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to thy call to serve, as Christ served us.
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.
We have grieved thy Holy Spirit.
Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to thee, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness:
The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,
and our exploitation of other people,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration,
and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
and our dishonesty in daily life and work,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,
We confess to thee, O Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let thine anger depart from us;
Favorably bear us, for thy mercy is great.

Accomplish in us the work of thy salvation,
That we may show forth thy glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of thy only Son our Lord,
Bring us with all thy saints to the joy of his resurrection.

The Celebrant stands and, facing the people, says

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 PEACE

The People stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace with these words

SINCE we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

AT THE OFFERTORY, MOTET

Sung by the Choir.

Cristóbal de Morales
(1500-1553)

EMENDEMUS in melius quae
ignoranter peccavimus;
ne subito praeoccupati die mortis,
quaeramus spatium poenitentiae,
et invenire non possimus.
Attende, Domine, et miserere;
quia peccavimus tibi.

Memento, homo, quia pulvis
es et in pulverem reverteris.

*Let us amend the sins that in our
ignorance we have committed,
lest the day of death come upon us suddenly,
and we find no place for repentance,
though we seek it.
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy,
for we have sinned against thee.*

*Remember, man, that thou art dust,
and unto dust thou shalt return.*

Matins Responsory for the First Sunday in Lent

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should
at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and
prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer
and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and
Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which
thou hast prepared for those who love thee.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the
company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious
Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by the Choir.

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra Gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer, which concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

OUR Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI

Sung by the Choir.

AGNUS Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, and our souls washed through his most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *(for those unable to receive Holy Communion)*

I BELIEVE in thee, O my Jesus, present in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar;
I love thee above all things, and I desire to receive thee into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace thee, and I unite myself to thee as if thou wast already there.
Never permit me to be separated from thee!
O Lord Jesus Christ, let the sweet and consuming force of thy love absorb my whole soul, that I may die for the love of thee, who wast pleased to die for the love of me. Amen.

AT THE COMMUNION

Sung by the Choir.

Plainsong (Mode III)

QUI meditabitur in lege Domini die ac nocte,
dabit fructum suum in tempore suo. *He who meditates on the law of the Lord, day and night,
will bring forth his fruit in due season.*

Psalm 1:2b, 3b

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

Bow down before the Lord.

The Celebrant says

GRANT, most merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

HYMN

AUS DER TIEFE RUFE ICH

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Choir and Ministers leave in silence.

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and Interim Director of Administration*
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