



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Sunday February 7th 2021 at 4:00 PM

Evensong for the Sunday called Sexagesima



Cain and Abel, 15th-century German depiction from "Speculum Humanae Salvationis"

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

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THE SACRED HARP

1 Gently Lord, O gently lead us,
Thro' this lonely vale of tears,
And, O Lord, in mercy give us,
Thy rich grace in all our fears.

2 In the hour of pain and anguish,
In the hour when death draws near,
Suffer not our hearts to languish,
Suffer not our souls to fear.

3 When this mortal life is ended,
Bid us in thine arms to rest,
Till by angel bands attended,
We awake among the blest.

Exhortation

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.

Confession

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.**

Absolution

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, 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 we 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 Lord's Prayer

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Preces

T. MORLEY (C.1557-1602).

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

O God, make speed to save us;

*GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;*

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalm

81 Exultate Deo.

J. ROBINSON

O SING merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Raise the psalm and sound the timbrel, / the merry harp with the lute.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, / at the full moon, for our solemn feast day.

4 For this was made a statute for Israel, / and a law of the God of Jacob.

5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, / when he went forth against the land of Egypt.

6 I HEARD the voice of one that I knew not: / 'I eased his shoulder from the burden, and his hands were freed from the load.

7 Thou didst call in trouble, and I delivered thee; / I heard thee in the thunder-cloud; I proved thee also at the Waters of Strife.

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: / O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!

9 There shall no strange god be in thee, / neither shalt thou worship any other god.

10 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt: / open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 BUT my people would not hear my voice; / and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them up unto their stubborn hearts, / and let them follow their own imaginations.

13 O that my people would hearken unto me, / that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon put down their enemies, / and turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of the LORD should feign obedience unto him; / but their time should endure for ever.

16 I would feed them also with the finest wheatflour; / and with honey out of the stony rock would I satisfy 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.

First Lesson Genesis 4. 1 – 15

The First Lesson is written in the Book of Genesis, the 4th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

Office Hymn *Lucis Creator optime.*

MODE VIII

1 O blest Creator of the light,
who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
and o'er the forming world didst call
the light from chaos first of all.

2 Whose wisdom joined in meet array
the morn and eve, and named them day:
night comes with all its darkling fears;
regard thy people's prayers and tears.

3 Lest, sunk in sin, and whelmed with strife,
they lose the gift of endless life;
while thinking but the thoughts of time,
they weave new chains of woe and crime.

4 But grant them grace that they may strain
the heavenly gate and prize to gain:
each harmful lure aside to cast,
and purge away each error past.

5 O Father, that we ask be done,
through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
doth live and reign eternally.

Words: Latin 6th century, translated by J. M. Neale (1818-1866)

Magnificat The Evening Service in Bb by C. V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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 showed 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.
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.

Second Lesson **I John 3. 1 – 15**

The Second Lesson is written in the First Epistle General of St. John, the 3rd chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye

know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis The Evening Service in Bb by STANFORD

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has 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.

Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Mutual Salutation

MORLEY

Precentor:

*The Lord be with you;
Let us pray.*

Choir:

And with thy spirit.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy
upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Versicles & Responses

MORLEY

Precentor:

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
O Lord, save the Queen;
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
O Lord, save thy people;
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
O God, make clean our hearts within us;*

Choir:

And grant us thy salvation.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
And bless thine inheritance.
And evermore mightily defend us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in any thing that we do: Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; 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 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.**

Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

G. FAURÉ (1845-1924)

Verbe égal au Très-Haut,
notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux:
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur jette sur nous les yeux!
Répands sur nous le feu de ta grace puissante,
Que tou l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix,
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!
O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle,
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemble,
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*Word of God, one with the Most High,
in whom alone we have our hope,
Everlasting light of heaven and earth,
We break the silence of the peaceful night;
Saviour divine, cast thine eyes upon us!
Pour on us the fire of thy mighty grace,
That all hell may flee at the sound of thy voice:
Banish the slumber of a weary soul
That brings forgetfulness of thy laws!
O Christ, look with favour upon thy faithful people,
Now gathered here to praise thee,
Receive their hymns offered to thy endless glory.
May they go forth filled with thy gifts!*

Words: Jean Racine (1639-99)

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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.**

Closing Hymn The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended ST. CLEMENT

1 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.

3 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.

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

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

4 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.

Words: Rev. John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: Rev. C. C. Scholefield (1839-1904)
Descant by P. Halley

Voluntary Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist J. S. BACH (BWV 671)



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