

ST MARY DE CASTRO: SUNG MASS ON SUNDAY 15 MARCH
MOTHERING SUNDAY

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome the Leicester University Chamber Choir to our service this morning.

The choir will lead us in the sung mass.

The setting is a combination of:

Missa Brevis by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1524-1594) (Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei), with the congregational sections adopting our usual setting by John Merbecke (c. 1510- c.1585)

Music Director: Sierra Farquhar-Wulff

Organist: Nicholas Friedersdorff

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to St Mary's. If you are a baptized member of the Church of England, or of any other Church that subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, you are very welcome to receive communion this morning. If you do not wish to take communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

THE PREPARATION

The organ will start to play shortly before the start of the service. During this time the following may help members of the congregation with their preparation.

(writing on scripture) These words of the Lord befriend us. Words of friendship are more radically transformative than orders which demand submission. Even the commandments in Scripture can only be understood aright if we see them spoken as in friendship, forming us to encounter the one who said to his disciples, 'I call you friends' (John 15.25)

from Timothy Radcliffe and Lukasz Popko [Questioning God](#) (Bloomsbury, 2023)

At the entry of the Altar Party all STAND. If you are able, please remain standing until the first reading.

INTROIT HYMN

NEH 186

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| 1. TELL out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice. | 3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high. |
| 2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One. | 4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore. |

THE GREETING

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

THE PENITENTIAL RITE

Priest My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament, let us call to mind
and confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against thee
and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life
to the glory of thy name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Priest Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
✠ have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Choir Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.
Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison. Christe, eleison.
Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

KYRIE ELEISON (CHOIR)

(Lord, have mercy.)

(Christ, have mercy.)

(Lord, have mercy.)

THE COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

Merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily lives that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of thy presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

SIT

A reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 2. 1-10)

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM (CHOIR)

Psalm 127. 1-4

Except the Lord | build the | house : their labour | is but | lost that | build it.

Except the Lord | keep the | city : the watchman | waketh | but in | vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so take rest, and eat the | bread of | careful-ness : for so he | giveth his be- | lov-ed | sleep.

Lo children and the | fruit of the | womb : are an heritage and | gift that | cometh of the | Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3. 12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

STAND

NEH 184

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| 1. SHALL we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom Jesus loves so well,
And to his glory year by year
Thy praise and honour tell? | 4. Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his. |
| 2. Thee did he choose from whom to take
True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free. | 5. Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,
While on thy soul glad streams of love
Flow from his sacred heart. |
| 3. O wondrous depth of love divine,
That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know. | 6. Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;
Grant when our earthly course is run,
Life with the saints at rest. |

THE GOSPEL

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 19. 25b-27)

All ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SIT

A homily may be preached.

THE NICENE CREED (**SUNG**)**STAND**

Priest I believe in one God,

All the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven, *(Genuflect or bow)*
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, (Stand)

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

After each intention the following responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

Priest Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

STAND

This, or another suitable preface to the peace is said:

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY

During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of the people are gathered and presented in the Collection.

NEH 185

1. SING we of the blessèd Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.
2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She his weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.
3. Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.
4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessèd,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.

As each element is received the following may be said:

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee,
which earth hath given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation:
through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands,
to the praise and glory of his Name,
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

The priest says the Prayer over the Gifts, to which all reply: Amen.

REMAIN STANDING

The Sursum Corda

Priest The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up unto the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface

Priest 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,
through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.

A Proper Preface may be used when appropriate. The priest then concludes with:

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,
evermore praising thee and singing:

Choir Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

KNEEL OR SIT

The priest recites the Eucharistic prayer. A bell signals the elevation of the consecrated bread and wine, at which all may make the sign of the cross.

After the elevation of the consecrated wine, the following acclamation is said:

Priest Christ is the bread of life.

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim thy death, Lord Jesus, until thou comest in glory.

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with:

by whom and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee,
O Father almighty, world without end.

All Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

Priest As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI (CHOIR)

Choir O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God,
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The priest invites the people to communion:

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

Communion is administered in both kinds (bread and wine). If you do not wish to receive wine from the common cup, please leave the altar rail immediately after you have consumed the bread. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer into the consecrated wine) is not permitted.

Words of distribution are used to which the communicant replies: Amen.

*During the giving of communion the choir will sing Ave Maria – Guide Me and Lead Me
by R. Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943)*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, mater Dei,
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
Ave Maria, ora pro nobis,
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ.
Ave Maria, Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis,
Ave Maria, sancta, ora pro nobis, Amen.

Guide and lead me, O heavenly Father,
Guide me unto Thy fold above,
Weak am I, but Thou art mighty,
O lead me unto Thy blest land of love.
O lead me, Father, my way guiding,
Lighten my voyage o'er life's troubled sea
O let Thy spirit o'er me abiding,
point me, O God, to heaven and Thee!
Guard me, O Father, when comes the
hour,
Through death's darksome vale my path
defending,
Lead me to Thy home of love,
love unending, Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

KNEEL OR SIT

Priest Let us pray.

God of love, who in this sacrament dost feed us with the food and drink of eternal life, even as a mother feedeth her children at the breast: mercifully grant that we who have tasted thy goodness may grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Priest Almighty God,

All **we thank thee for feeding us
with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of thy Spirit
to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN

STAND

NEH 408

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 life 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!

THE DISMISSAL

Priest The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

Priest The blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
All Amen.

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE ANGELUS (SUNG)

Priest The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

All and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Priest Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners,

now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Priest Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

All Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

Priest (*Genuflect or bow*) And the Word was made flesh:

All and dwelt among us. (*Stand*)

Hail Mary...

Priest Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,

All that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Priest Pour forth thy grace into our hearts, we beseech thee, O Lord,

that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,

so by his ☩ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Plein chant du premier Kyrie et taille from Messe pour les Paroisses by François Couperin (1668-1733)