

St Edmundsbury  
Cathedral



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# Evening Prayer

*the Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

12 July 2020

3.30 pm



**The Welcome**

**The Opening Hymn**

**Immortal love for ever full,  
for ever flowing free,  
for ever shared, for ever whole,  
a never-ebbing sea!**

**Our outward lips confess the name,  
all other names above;  
love only knoweth whence it came  
and comprehendeth love.**

**We may not climb the heavenly steps  
to bring the Lord Christ down;  
in vain we search the lowest deeps,  
for him no depths can drown.**

**But warm, sweet, tender, even yet  
a present help is he;  
and faith has still its Olivet,  
and love its Galilee.**

**The healing of his seamless dress  
is by our beds of pain;  
we touch him in life's throng and press,  
and we are whole again.**

**Through him the first fond prayers are said  
our lips of childhood frame;  
the last low whispers of our dead  
are burdened with his name.**

**Alone, O Love ineffable,  
thy saving name is given;  
to turn aside from thee is hell,  
to walk with thee is heaven.**

*Words: John Whittier, 1807-92*

*Music: Bishopthorpe (St Paul's), Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1673-1707*

## The Introduction

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

**Amen.**

**All**      O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:  
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As darkness falls you renew your promise  
to reveal among us the light of your presence.

By the light of Christ, your living Word,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts

that we may walk as children of light

and sing your praise throughout the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All**      **Blessed be God for ever.**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,

so may your mercy come down upon us

to cleanse our hearts

and set us free to sing your praise

now and for ever.

**All**      **Amen.**

## The Psalmody

O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.  
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

My soul clings to you;  
your right hand upholds me.  
But those who seek to destroy my life  
shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
they shall be given over to the power of the sword,  
they shall be prey for jackals.

But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

**All**  
**Glory to the Father and to the son**  
**and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**as it was in the beginning is now**  
**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

After this David inquired of the Lord, 'Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?' The Lord said to him, 'Go up.' David said, 'To which shall I go up?' He said, 'To Hebron.' So David went up there, along with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David brought up the men who were with him, every one with his household; and they settled in the towns of Hebron. Then the people of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

When they told David, 'It was the people of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul', David sent messengers to the people of Jabesh-gilead, and said to them, 'May you be blessed by the Lord, because you showed this loyalty to Saul your lord, and buried him! Now may the Lord show steadfast love and faithfulness to you! And I too will reward you because you have done this thing. Therefore let your hands be strong, and be valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and the house of Judah has anointed me king over them.'

But Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, had taken Ishbaal son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim. He made him king over Gilead, the Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin, and over all Israel. Ishbaal, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned for two years. But the house of Judah followed David. The time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

*2 Samuel 2.1-11; 3.1*

Here ends the first reading.

## The Canticle

**All**      **Let us rejoice and exult  
and give glory and homage to our God.**

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,  
whose judgements are true and just.

Praise our God, all you his servants,  
all who fear him, both small and great.

The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns:  
let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come  
and his bride has made herself ready.

Blessed are those who are invited  
to the wedding banquet of the Lamb.

*Revelation 19.1b,2a,5b,6b,7,9b*

**All**      **To the One who sits on the throne  
and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**All**      **Let us rejoice and exult  
and give glory and homage to our God.**

## The Second Reading

As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.'

Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, 'It is written, "My house shall be a house of prayer"; but you have made it a den of robbers.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple. The chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people kept looking for a way to kill him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were spellbound by what they heard.

One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and telling the good news, the chief priests and the scribes came with the elders and said to him, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things? Who is it who gave you this authority?' He answered them, 'I will also ask you a question, and you tell me: Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' They discussed it with one another, saying, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say, "Why did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", all the people will stone us; for they are convinced that John was a prophet.' So they answered that they did not know where it came from. Then Jesus said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

*Luke 19.41-20.8, NRSV*

Here ends the second reading.

## The Responsory

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
the Lord is the strength of my life.  
**All      The Lord is my light and my salvation  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

The light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness has not overcome it.  
**All      The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
**All      The Lord is my light and my salvation  
the Lord is the strength of my life.**

## The Magnificat

**All      You have done great things, O God,  
and holy is your name.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;  
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,

The promise made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

**All**      **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**All**      **You have done great things, O God,  
and holy is your name.**

## **The Anthem**

Sing joyfully unto God our strength:  
sing loud unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, and bring forth the timbrel,  
the pleasant harp and the viol.  
Blow the trumpet in the new moon:  
e'en in the time appointed,  
and at our feast day.  
For is a statute for Israel:  
and a law of the God of Jacob.

*Words: Psalm 81.1-4*

*Music: William Byrd, c.1539-1623*

## ¶ The Prayers

*The Rev'd Canon Philip Banks, Canon Precentor, leads prayers of intercession, concluding with*

### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

## The Final Hymn

Thy hand, O God, has guided  
thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear, on every page;  
our fathers owned thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness;  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest, as to least;  
they bade men rise, and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching,  
in every deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely,  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their Gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?  
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?  
Shall we evade the conflict,  
and cast away our crown?  
Not so: in God's deep counsels  
some better thing is stored;  
and this was still their message:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

**Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave thy work undone;  
with thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;  
and then, by men and angels,  
thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

*Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1821-1891*

*Music: Basil Harwood, 1859-1949*

**The Blessing**

**The Organ Voluntary**