

# Sunday 4 March 2018 Third Sunday of Lent

# **Processional Hymn**

 I. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious binding all the Church in one, holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

 To this temple, where we gather, come, O Lord of Hosts, today; with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.  Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain;
what they gain of thee for ever with the blessèd to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to reign.

4. Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son, praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One, consubstantial, coeternal, while unending ages run.

Words: Latin, tr. J.M Neale, adapted

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

# Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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. **Amen.** 

## Psalm 19.7 - 10

The Choir sings, and all respond The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light. The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.

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The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.

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#### New Testament Reading | Corinthians 1: 18-25

#### **Gradual Hymn**

I. Thou art the Way, by thee alone from sin and death we flee;and all who would the Father seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.

 Thou art the Truth, thy word alone true wisdom can impart; thou only canst inform the mind and purify the heart.

Words: George Doane

3. Thou art the Life, the rending tomb proclaims thy conqu'ring arm; and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.

4.Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know, that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

Tune: ST JAMES

Gospel Reading John 2: 13-22

## **Offertory Hymn**

I. Thy Kingdom come, O God, thy rule, O Christ, begin;break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin.

2. Where is thy reign of peace, and purity, and love?When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?

3. When comes the promised time that war shall be no more, and lust, oppression, crime, shall flee thy face before? 4. We pray Thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might; revive our longing eyes, which languish for Thy sight.

5. Some scorn Thy sacred Name, and wolves devour thy fold;by many deeds of shame we learn that love grows cold.

 O'er lands both near and far thick darkness broodeth yet: arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set.

Words: Lewis Hensley

Tune: SAINT CECILIA

Music during Communion: Vater unser im Himmelreich (Georg Böhm) Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Sergei Rachmaninov)

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

# **Recessional Hymn**

I. Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ.

2. O magnify the Lord with me, with me exalt his Name; when in distress to him I called, he to my rescue came.

3. The hosts of God encamp around the dwellings of the just; deliv'rance he affords to all who on his succour trust.

Words: Tate and Brady

4. O make but trial of his love; experience will decide how blest are they, and only they who in his truth confide.

5. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then have nothing else to fear; make you his service your delight; your wants shall be his care.

6. To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was is now, and shall be evermore.

Tune: WILTSHIRE

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in C minor BWV 562 (J.S.Bach)

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