

ST LUKE'S CHURCH KINGSTON

Gibbon Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6AB



Choral Evensong & Benediction
on the Eve of Candlemass with the Tiffin Choir
and The Lord Bishop of Southwark.

To mark Fr Martin Hislop SSC DL entry into his
25th year as parish priest at St Luke's.

Thursday 1st February 2024 - 5.30pm

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INTRODUCTION

The people STAND at the ringing of the bell for the entrance of the servers and clergy.

Ayleward Responses

Fr. Martin: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Fr. Martin: O God make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Choir: 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.
Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

The people SIT

PSALMODY

Psalm 24

- Choir:*
- 1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
 - 2 for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.
 - 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
 - 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
 - 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
 - 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
 - 7 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.**

Choir: Let us adore forever the Most Holy Sacrament.

Psalm 117

Choir: 1. O praise the Lord, all ye heathen :
praise him all ye nations.
2. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us :
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Praise the Lord.
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.

All: **Let us adore forever the Most Holy Sacrament.**

All sing: **Sweet Sacrament divine,
Hid in thine earthly home,
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
With suppliant hearts we come;
Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
Earth's light and jubilee,
In thy far depths doth shine
The Godhead's majesty;
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
That earthly joys may fade away:
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**You are all invited to stay for light refreshments
at the back of the church**

8 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 13:11-16

Here beginneth the eleventh verse of the thirteenth chapter of the Book of the Exodus

“When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’ It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt.”

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The people STAND

OFFICE HYMN

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor - *George Hugh Bourne (1840- 1925)*

All sing: **Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
First-begotten from the dead,
Thou alone, our strong defender,
Liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesu, true and living Bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;
Here in loving reverence bow;
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,
Lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there thine angels hail thee,
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
Once for all when thou wast slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

The people REMAIN STANDING

MAGNIFICAT

Stanford in B flat

- Choir:*
1. My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour;
 2. For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 3. For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
 4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
 5. And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

Devotions, concluding with:

Bishop: Blessed, praised and adored be Jesus Christ on his throne of glory
All: **and in Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

All sing: **Therefore we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.**

**Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father and the Son;
Honour, might and praise addressing
While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing
Who from both with both is one.**

Bishop: Thou gavest them Bread from Heaven
All: **containing in itself all sweetness.**

Bishop: Let us pray.
O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy
Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of
thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of
thy redemption; Who livest and reignest one God, in the unity of the Holy
Ghost, world without end.

All: **Amen.**

The bishop makes the sign of the cross over the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

The people then repeat the Divine Praises:

**Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.**

The people STAND

HYMN

Lord, for the Years - *Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926)*

All: **Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

The people KNEEL

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

All sing: **O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**

**All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee.**

6. He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away
9. 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.

The people SIT

THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 4:1-7

Here beginneth the fourth chapter of the Epistle to the Galatians.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The people STAND

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford in B flat

- Choir:*
1. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
 2. For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation,
 3. Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;
 4. 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

Fr. Martin: I believe in God

All: **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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Ayleward Responses

Fr. Martin: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Fr. Martin: Let us pray.

The people KNEEL

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Fr. Martin: Our Father

All: **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. Amen.**

Fr. Martin: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Fr. Martin: O Lord, save the King.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Fr. Martin: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Fr. Martin: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Fr. Martin: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Fr. Martin: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Fr. Martin: Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Choir: Amen.

Fr. Martin: 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 both 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 Lord.

Choir: Amen.

Fr. Martin: 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.

Choir: Amen.

Fr. Martin: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Fr. Martin: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Fr. Martin: May the Divine Assistance remain with us always, and may the souls of the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

All: **Amen.**

The people SIT

ANTHEM

When Mary to the Temple went - Eccard

SERMON

The Lord Bishop of Southwark