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The Minister may say words of welcome

Opening Hymn – Come let us join our cheerful songs
(*Outdoor songs of Praise with Tintwistle Bress Band*)
Words for the hymn are on your screen

The Minister may now read one or more sentences from the Scriptures, and then say

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, saying after me:

All join with the Minister in saying the General Confession—(microphone muted!!)

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.

The Absolution is pronounced by the Minister alone.

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; and 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 let us 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.

BRICKHILLS AND STOKE HAMMOND BENEFICE VIRTUAL EVENSONG 21ST FEB 2021

The Choir now sing Tallis Preces

(The Choir join with the Choir of St John's Episcopal Church Greenock)

Cantor. O Lord, open thou our lips.
Cantor. O God, make speed to save us.
Choir. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Choir. O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Here, all standing up, the Cantor shall sing.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

Cantor. Praise ye the Lord.

Choir. The Lord's Name be praised.

The Choir now sing Psalm 25

(The Choir join with the Choir of Rochester Cathedral)

Unto thee O Lord will I lift up my soul, my God I have put my trust in
thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies
triumph over me.

- 2 For all they that hope in thee shall' not be a'shamed : but such as transgress without a cause' shall be' put to con'fusion.

3 Shew me thy' ways O'Lord : and' teach me' thy' paths.

4 Lead me forth in thy' truth and' learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation, in thee hath been my' hope' all the day' long.

5 Call to remembrance O Lord thy'tender' mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which' have been' ever of' old.

6 O remember not the sins and offences' of my' youth : but according to thy mercy, think thou upon me O'Lord' for thy' goodness.

7 Gracious and righteous' is the'Lord : therefore will he teach 'sinners' in the' way.

8 Them that are meek shall he' guide in' judgement : and' such as are gentle' them shall he' learn his' way.

9 All the paths of the Lord are' mercy and' truth : unto such as keep his' covenant' and his' testimonies.

10 For thy Name's' sake O'Lord : be merciful unto my' sin for' it is 'great.

11 What man is he that' feareth the' Lord : him shall he teach in the' way that' he shall' choose.

12 His soul shall' dwell at' ease : and his' seed shall in'herit the' land.

13 The secret of the Lord is among' them that' fear him : and' he will shew them his' covenant.

14 Mine eyes are ever looking' unto the' Lord : for he shall pluck my' feet' out of the' net.

15 Turn thee unto me and have' mercy up'on me : for I am' desolate 'and in' misery.

16 The sorrows of my heart' are en'larged : O' bring thou me' out of my' troubles.

17 Look upon my ad'versity and' misery : and for'give me' all my' sin.

18 Consider mine enemies how'many they'are : and they bear a' tyrannous' hate a'gainst me.

19 O keep my'soul and de'liv'er me : let me not be confounded, for I have' put my'trust in' thee.

20 Let perfectness and righteous dealing' wait up'on me : for my' hope hath' been in' thee.

2nd Pt. 21 Deliver' Israel O'God : out of all' his' troubles.

Genesis 9 8-17

⁸ And God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,
⁹ And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;
¹⁰ And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth.
¹¹ And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.
¹² And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:
¹³ I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.
¹⁴ And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:
¹⁵ And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.
¹⁶ And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.
¹⁷ And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

The Choir now sing the Magnificat (Farrant)

(*The Choir join with the Choir of Trinity Cathedral Cleveland Ohio*)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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 shewed 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.

The Second Reading Mark 1 9-15

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.
¹⁰ And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:
¹¹ And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
¹² And immediately the spirit driveth him into the wilderness.
¹³ And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.
¹⁴ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

The Choir now sing the Nunc Dimittis (Farrant)

(*The Choir join with the Choir of Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio*)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation; Which thou hast 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.

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The Apostles' Creed is said by all

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

The Choir now sing Tallis Responses

(The Choir join with the Choir of St John's Episcopal Church Greenock)

Cantor: *The Lord be with you.*

Choir. *And with thy spirit.*

Cantor: *Let us pray.*

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

The Lord's prayer is Chanted by all on a single note.

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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.

Cantor. *O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*

Choir. *And grant us thy salvation.*

Cantor. *O Lord, save the Queen.*

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

Cantor. *Endue thy Ministers with righteousness*

Choir. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Cantor. *O Lord, save thy people.*

Choir. *And bless thine inheritance.*

Cantor. *Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

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

Cantor. *O God, make clean our hearts within us. Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collect for the day pronounced by the Minister alone.

Almighty God , whose son Jesus Christ fasted 40 days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever.

Amen.

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer (all may join in)

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 Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils (all may join in)

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.

The Choir now sing the Anthem "Lord I Trust Thee" (Handel)

(The Choir join with the the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford)

Second Hymn – All People That on Earth Do Dwell

(with words on screen)

The Minister or Preacher will now deliver a Homily

Third Hymn – Father Hear the Prayers we Offer

(Tune – Sussex The words for the hymn appear on the screen and below

Prayers for the Queen, the Church, the Government and other matters.

Closing Hymn – Abide With Me .(we sing with the Choir of Kings College Cambridge)

*Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me*

*.I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's
power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine,oh abide with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me*

*Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain
shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me*