

Organ Prelude *Preludio "Sine Nomine"* Herbert Howells

Processional Hymn 389 Let us, with a gladsome mind *Monkland*

Opening Sentence

A General Confession *Officiant and People*

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 those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore thou those who are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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 Declaration of Absolution BCP p. 7

The Lord's Prayer *Officiant and People*

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

Versicles

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
People The Lord's name be praised.

Venite, exultemus Domino 610

- 1 O come, let us sing | unto · the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanks**giving;
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a | **great** God;
and a great | King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.
- 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;
and his hands prepared · the **dry** land.
- 6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,
and kneel before the | Lord our **Maker**.
- 7 For he is the | Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **his** hand.
- 8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of holiness;
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 49:8-16a

Thus says the Lord: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; saying to the prisoners, "Come out," to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."

They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them.

And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.

But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 131

- 1 Lord, I am not high-minded;
I have no proud looks.
- 2 I do not exercise myself in great matters
which are too high for me.
- 3 But I refrain my soul, and keep it low,
like as a child that is weaned from his mother:
yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
- 4 O Israel, trust in the Lord
from this time forth for evermore.

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 Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

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People Thanks be to God.

Benedictus Dominus Deus, 890

Tone 5, Richard Fabian

The Third Lesson: Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you

will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?

“Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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People Thanks be to God.

Jubilate Deo 642

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.
- 2 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;
we are his people, and the | sheep of · his **pasture**.
- 3 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of · his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to | generation.

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 Apostles’ Creed

Officiant and People

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 catholic church; the communion of saints:
the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body:
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Versicles

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
People And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the Day

Officiant

O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of thee, and to cast all our care on thee who carest for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which thou hast manifested unto us in thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Prayers

A General Thanksgiving

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life;
and above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world
by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

