



Evensong Hymns and Readings 16th March 2025

Introit

Sinful, sighing to be blest

Jeremiah Clark (1670-1707)

♪ Hymn (765) ♪

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is
thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to His temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things
so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm,
or when fainting sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper
thy work and defend thee;
surely His goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee.

Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that
is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
sound from His people again:
gladly for aye we adore Him!

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680) trans. Catherine Winkworth
(1827-1878)*

Psalm 135

O PRAISE the Lord, laud ye the Name of
the Lord : praise it, O ye servants of the
Lord;

²Ye that stand in the house of the Lord : in
the courts of the house of our God.

³O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious :
O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

⁴For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto
himself : and Israel for his own possession.

⁵For I know that the Lord is great : and that
our Lord is above all gods.

⁶Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he
in heaven and in earth : and in the sea, and in
all deep places.

⁷He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends
of the world : and sendeth forth lightnings
with the rain, bringing the winds out of his
treasures.

⁸He smote the first-born of Egypt : both of
man and beast.

⁹He hath sent tokens and wonders into the
midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt : upon
Pharaoh, and all his servants.

¹⁰He smote divers nations : and slew mighty
kings;

¹¹Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the
king of Basan : and all the kingdoms of
Canaan;

¹²And gave their land to be an heritage :
even an heritage unto Israel his people.

¹³Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever : so
doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one
generation to another.

¹⁴For the Lord will avenge his people : and
be gracious unto his servants.

First Reading

Jeremiah 22:1-9, 13-17

Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,²and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates.³Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.⁴For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people.⁵But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation.⁶For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah:
You are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon;
but I swear that I will make you a desert,
an uninhabited city.^a
⁷I will prepare destroyers against you,
all with their weapons;
they shall cut down your choicest cedars
and cast them into the fire.

⁸And many nations will pass by this city,
and all of them will say one to another,
'Why has the Lord dealt in this way with
that great city?' ⁹And they will answer,
'Because they abandoned the covenant of
the Lord their God, and worshipped
other gods and served them.'

¹³Woe to him who builds his house by
unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for
nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
¹⁴who says, 'I will build myself a spacious
house
with large upper rooms',
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.
¹⁵Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
¹⁶He judged the cause of the poor
and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.
¹⁷But your eyes and heart
are only on your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practising oppression and
violence.

Second Reading

Luke 14:27-33

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Anthem

Lord let me know mine end

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

♪ Hymn (CAHON 35) ♪

A new commandment

I give unto you:

that you love one another

as I have loved you,

that you love one another

as I have loved you.

By this shall all

know that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another. (Repeat)

You are my friends

if you do what I command you.

Without my help you can do nothing.
(Repeat)

I am the true vine,

my Father is the gardener.

Abide in me: I will be with you. (Repeat)

True love is patient,

nor arrogant nor boastful;

love bears all things, love is eternal. (Repeat)

v. 1 Unknown; vv. 2-4 Aniceto Nazareth © 1984, 1999

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♪ Hymn ♪

O Christ, who art the Light and Day,
Thou drivest darksome night away!
We know thee as the Light of light,
Illuminating mortal sight

All-holy Lord, we pray to thee,
Keep us tonight from danger free;
Grant us, dear Lord, in thee to rest,
So be our sleep in quiet blest.

And while the eyes soft slumber take,
Still be the heart to thee awake;
Be thy right hand upheld above
Thy servants resting in thy love.

Yea, our Defender, be thou nigh
To bid the powers of darkness fly;
Keep us from sin, and guide for good
Thy servants purchased by thy blood.

Remember us, dear Lord, we pray,
While in this mortal flesh we stay:
'Tis thou who dost the soul defend -
Be present with us to the end.

Blest Three in One and One in Three,
Almighty God, we pray to thee
That thou would'st now vouchsafe to bless
Our fast with fruits of righteousness. Amen

(Anonymous, 8th century translated by WJ Copeland)

Reponses: *Thomas Ebdon (1738-1811)*

Lord's Prayer: *Robert Stone (1516-1613)*

Canticles: *Gregorian Tones with Fauxbourdons
by Thomas Morley (1557-1602)*