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For the Sundays in Lent

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2009

5:00 p.m.

St. Gregory Chamber Choir

Dr. Scott Bennett
Organist and Master of the Music

Choral Evensong for the Sundays in Lent

5:00 p.m.

- MARCH 8** St. Gregory Choir
- MARCH 15** St. Augustine Choir &
St. Gregory Chamber Choir
- MARCH 22** St. Gregory Choir
- MARCH 29** St. Nicholas Choir &
St. Gregory Chamber Choir

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THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces

Richard Ayleward

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor: 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.

Please be seated.

Psalm 51 with Fauxbourdons (*choir*)

Miserere mei, Deus

arr. Giles Bryant

Have mercy on me, O God, after thy great good ness *
according to the multitude of thy mercies do away with mine offences.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight *
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and and clear when thou dost judge.

Behold, I was brought forth in wickedness *
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

Fauxbourdon: Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts *
and shall make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean *
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness *
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins *
and put out all my misdeeds.

Fauxbourdon: Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Make me a clean heart, O God *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence *
and take not thy holy spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again *
and stablish me with a free spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked *
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Fauxbourdon: Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my salvation *
and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips *
and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it *
but thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit *
A broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion *
build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with the burnt offerings and oblations *
then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Fauxbourdon: Behold the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

Moses said, "All the commandment which I command you this day you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out upon you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

Please stand.

Office Hymn 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

Please be seated.

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded:
the lowliness of His handmaiden.
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 rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel:
as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Please stand.

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. (*Luke 1:46-55*)

Please be seated.

The Second Lesson: Mark 2:18-22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins."

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.

Please stand.

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. (*Luke 2:29-32*)

The Apostles' Creed (said together)

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.

THE PRAYERS

(Setting: Richard Ayleward)

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

Cantor: Our Father,

Choir: 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Suffrages

Cantor: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor: O Lord, save the State.
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant: O Lord, save thy people,
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan; Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

A Collect for Aid against Perils

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 Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Anthem

Remember not, Lord, our offences

Henry Purcell

Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord.

Please stand.

Closing Prayers

Orison *(choir)*

When rooks fly homeward

Arthur Baynon

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold on the hay-yard wall,
when blind moths flutter by door and tree, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.
When stars look out on the Children's Path and grey mists gather on carn and rath,
when night is one with the brooding sea, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

The Blessing

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 662

Abide with me

Eventide

Final Response

E.W. Naylor

Cantor: The Lord be with you:

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us bless the Lord:

Choir: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Sonata I (Mvt. 1)

René Becker

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

MUSIC

Scott Bennett, Organist & Master of the Music

Paula Rossin, Assistant Organist

St. Gregory Chamber Choir

SOPRANO

Mary Hubbell
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Brian Scholtens
Alex Schroeder

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John Schroeder
Derek Wade

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The Reverend Alastair Votaw

CANTOR

Brian Scholtens

LECTOR

Jeff Fawcett

USHER

Carl Millford

Opportunities for Worship and Study during Lent

Thursday morning Eucharist and Bible Study

Grace will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the Dotterer Chapel at 10:15 a.m. each Thursday in Lent. This service will immediately precede our weekly Bible study, "The Bible 4 Today," also held in the Chapel. All are welcome!

Wednesday Nights at Grace

Holy Eucharist at 5:30, dinner at 6:10 and programs at 6:45 p.m.

March 4: "Art in Christianity" The Reverend Paul Gilbert will explore Rembrandt's painting Return of the Prodigal Son. Book suggestion: The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen.

March 11: "The Middle Ages" The Reverend Paul Gilbert takes a look at the tumultuous period between the Dark Ages and the Renaissance. Book suggestions: A World Lit only by Fire by William Manchester and Mysteries of the Middle Ages by Thomas Cahill.

March 18: "Windows into the Anglican Soul" With the Reverend Canon Peter Walker, Rector of St. Peter's Church in Cobourg, Ontario. Canon Walker was the preacher for Grace's Good Friday liturgy in 2008 and has presented other programs at Grace.

March 25: "Prayer: The Work of the Church" with Grace's Vicar, the Reverend Callie Perkins. Book suggestion: Beginning to Pray by Metropolitan Anthony.

Wednesday night programs and dinners will continue through April 15.

Sunday Mornings: Christian Education for All Ages at 10:10 a.m.

Age 3 through Grade 5: Spy KIDS in the upstairs classrooms
Middle School and High School classes upstairs

Adult classes during Lent:

Bible Study with Andy Shook

"Faith Matters" with Dr. Lester Pittman

March 1: "The Shack" Book Discussion with Elizabeth Prout and the Rector

March 8-29: "Fear Not!" Parenting Book Discussion
with the Reverend Paul Gilbert and Holly Behre

Holy Week: April 5-10

Dr. Christopher Bryan will be our Holy Week Visiting Scholar, preaching and teaching each day from Palm Sunday through Good Friday.

The word “Lent”

I am a lover of words. One of the things I find so fascinating about them, especially in the English language, is the variety of meaning which may be imputed to a vast number of words. Take the word “Lent,” for example. What are the first things that come to mind when you hear that word: My guess is that most people will say something like “penitence,” “fasting,” “self-denial” and the like. All these are a part of the Lenten observance, but the actual word itself simply means “Spring.” In the ancient Anglo-Saxon language from which it stems, the meaning is of the lengthening of the days; the season in which flowers and trees begin to put forth new shoots. The season of Lent, then, is a time for new growth, not only in the flora and fauna around us, but also in our own spiritual lives. Penitence, fasting, self-denial – these are fall forms of spiritual discipline which we may employ to help us grow closer to the Lord. There are other ways, as well – prayer, study, alms-giving also deepen our awareness of the presence of God in our lives, and strengthen us in our journey in Christ. Come join us in our Lenten pilgrimage, and study with us in any of a number of ways the words of the love and mercy of God, which were taught to us by our Lord Jesus Christ, the very Word made flesh. Those who do will find themselves much more able to abandon themselves to the Joys of Easter. I invite you, therefore, to the growth of your life in Christ, and to the observance of a holy Lent.

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