



ST MARY'S
ATTLEBOROUGH

Festal Evensong **Easter Day**

Sunday 9th April 2023

The congregation stand as the procession enters the Church. When the choir are in the stalls the congregation sit as the choir sing the introit: Surrexit Christus hodie (Scheidt)

Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia.
Humano pro solamine. Alleluia.
In hoc Paschali gaudio. Alleluia.
Benedicamus Domino. Alleluia.

*Christ is risen today. Alleluia.
For the comfort of all people. Alleluia.
In this paschal joy. Alleluia.
Bless the Lord. Alleluia.*

The Priest welcomes the congregation and a sentence of scripture is read.

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us:
so let us celebrate the feast.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

[Music: Radcliffe]

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.*

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

Please remain standing to sing the Office Hymn

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls to-day;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen:
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.

Alleluia now we cry
to our King immortal,
who triumphant burst the bars
of the tomb's dark portal;
Alleluia, with the Son
God the Father praising;
Alleluia yet again
to the Spirit raising.

Aisomen pantes laoi

St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750)

*translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)**

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Please sit while the choir sings **Psalm 66, vv.1-11**

1. O be joyful in God, all ye lands :
sing praises unto the honour of his Name,
make his praise to be glorious.
2. Say unto God, O how wonderful
art thou in thy works :
through the greatness of thy power shall
thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
3. For all the world shall worship thee :
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
4. O come hither, and behold the works of God :
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the
children of men.
5. He turned the sea into dry land :
so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.
6. He ruleth with his power for ever;
his eyes behold the people :
and such as will not believe shall not be able to
exalt themselves.
7. O praise our God, ye people :
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. Who holdeth our soul in life :
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9. For thou, O God, hast proved us :
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10. Thou broughtest us into the snare :
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11. Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :
we went through fire and water,
and thou brightest us out into a wealthy place.

Please stand for the Gloria

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 OLD TESTAMENT READING

Song of Solomon 3.2-5; 8.6,7

Here begins the second verse of the third chapter of the book of the Song of Solomon.

'I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire,
a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.
If one offered for love
all the wealth of one's house,
it would be utterly scorned.

Here ends the first lesson.

Remain standing for:

THE MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in D (Brewer)

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 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.

Please sit for the

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Revelation 1.12-18*

Here begins the twelfth verse of the first chapter of the Book of Revelation.

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand for:

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

Remain standing, and turn to face the altar, for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Sit or Kneel

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

*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.*

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
*Because there is none other
that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.*

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Almighty God,
who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
hast overcome death,
and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life;
We humbly beseech thee, that,
as by thy special grace preventing us
thou dost put into our minds good desires,
so by thy continual help
we may bring the same to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Ghost,
ever one God, world without end. *Amen*

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*

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 sings the anthem: Hallelujah! Chorus (Handel)

Hallelujah!
For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever

King of kings
And Lord of lords

And He shall reign forever and ever
Hallelujah!

We sit or kneel for the Prayers.

We stand to sing a hymn.

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia:
Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

Organ Voluntary: Carillon-Sortie (Mulet)
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Did you know that we have
Choral Evensong
every month at St Mary's?

Choral Evensong is usually the last Sunday
of every month at 6.30pm.

The next Choral Evensong is on
Sunday 30th April