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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 27 September 2020
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester, leads the service.

David Cowen, Associate Organist, plays on the Organ

Ballade en mode Phrygien

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Dean David continues with words of welcome.

Today is the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity. The Bible readings today challenge us on matters of faith and personal responsibility and invite us to choose the path of life lived in God's service. Canon Alison will take up some of these themes in her words to us.

In two days' time, the Church celebrates St. Michael and all Angels, so in this service there are reminders here and there that we are joined in our worship by the whole company of heaven, and assuredly by the presence of God, always with us.

Jesus said, 'What are you looking for?... Come and see.'
Where have you noticed God in these last days?
What do you want to learn from God today?

John 1.38, 39

A short silence is kept.

God gathers us across the distance.
Let us worship God together.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

We have come to mount Zion,
the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,
to myriads of angels,
to God, the Judge of all,
and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

Hebrews 12.22-24

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Holy, holy holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost;
I am a person of unclean lips.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Our guilt is taken away,
and our sin is forgiven.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

May God our Father forgive you your sins
and bring you to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

O Lord,
we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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 First Reading

Ezekiel 18.25–32

Read by Anna Cowen

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 21.28–32

Read by Deborah Potter

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second

and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Revd Canon Alison Adams

David Cowen plays on the Organ

Pièces modales (Mode de sol)

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and this response may be used at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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

The Hymn

**Angel-voices, ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Toccata in B minor

Eugène Gigout (1844–1925)

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