



Sung Mattins

COMMEMORATING THE MARTYRDOM
OF THOMAS CRANMER

11.00am

Monday 21st March 2022

A warm welcome to St. Michael at the North Gate for today's special service commemorating the martyrdom of the Thomas Cranmer, organised by the Prayer Book Society.

In the final years of Henry VIII's reign Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, conceived and wrote the original Book of Common Prayer. One year after his death in 1547, Parliament enacted the Act of Uniformity and for the first time England had a complete set of services of its own, set out in the Book of Common Prayer. For the next one hundred years the Book went through a number of modifications, driven by a succession of monarchs and their management of shifting theological politics. After the restoration of the monarchy, Charles II and a new Parliament oversaw the production and introduction of the Book of Common Prayer in 1662. It is the one we use today.

The Prayer Book Society was founded in 1972, in the heyday of liturgical reform in the Church of England, when it appeared that the 1662 Book of Common Prayer was in danger of being outlawed altogether. Happily, the Prayer Book was saved and continues to be used in a number of flourishing churches and most cathedrals, and the Prayer Book Society today continues to promote the worship and doctrine of the Church of England (and other churches in the Anglican tradition) as enshrined in the Book of Common Prayer. We aim not only to defend the continued use of the Prayer Book, but also to secure an increasingly significant role for this sometimes-neglected treasure at the heart of the worshipping life of this and future generations. We are especially keen to ensure that ordinands and new clergy become familiar with it, and that young families and newcomers to the Church have an opportunity to encounter it.

Whether you are visiting or a regular worshipper, we hope that this is a space where you can reflect, learn, sing, pray, listen or simply soak up the atmosphere. At the heart of Christian thinking is the belief that God loves each one of us as we are, that he knows our stories and has good plans for us.

In our service of Mattins we hear or sing words from the Bible, included in these are canticles (songs) to help us in our praise, and prayer. The anthem, offered by the choir, and the address, develop our appreciation of these biblical themes and encourage us in our journey of faith and understanding.

*The minister says the words in normal type, we all say what is in **bold**.*

Blue font is used to explain who does what.

This service, especially the music, is designed to give opportunity for listening and reflection.

We seek to be a church of welcome, prayer and learning. May each one of us experience something of this today.

*The service is conducted by The Revd Anthony Buckley, Vicar of St Michael at the North Gate and City Rector, and The Revd Richard Smail, Branch Chaplain.
The organ is played by Dónal McCann, FRCO.
The choir is conducted by Tom Hammond-Davies, MA, Director of Music.*

ORGAN PRELUDE

We stand as the Minister and Choir enter

INTROIT

Sung by the choir

IF YE LOVE ME

THOMAS TALLIS (1580-1624)

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

JOHN 14:15-17

We sing the **OPENING HYMN**

THE OPENING HYMN

GOD, whose city's sure foundation
stands upon his holy hill,
by his mighty inspiration
chose of old and chooseth still
men of every race and nation
his good pleasure to fulfill.

Here in England through the ages,
while the Christian years went by,
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
strong to live and strong to die,
wrote their names upon the pages
of God's blessed company.

Some there were like lamps of learning
shining in a faithless night,
some on fire with love, and burning
with a flaming zeal for right,
some by simple goodness turning
souls from darkness unto light.

**As we now with high thanksgiving
their triumphant names record,
grant that we, like the, believing
in the promise of thy word,
may, like them, in all good living
praise and magnify the Lord.**

CYRIL ARGENTINE ALINGTON (1872-1955)

The INVITATION TO CONFESSION is introduced with a verse from the Bible

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

We sit or kneel

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 them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of

their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We continue to sit or kneel for the **RESPONSES**

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

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

We stand for the **GLORIA**

All 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.

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

Then shall be sung this Psalm following:

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Psalm 95.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving : and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God : and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship, and fall down : and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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.

PSALM 121.

Levavi oculos.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in : 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.

*We sit to hear the **FIRST LESSON** from the Old Testament*

ISAIAH 43.1-7

BUT now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

*We stand to hear Stanford's setting of the **TE DEUM LAUDAMUS** in B flat.*

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the Heavens and all the Powers therein.
To thee Cherubin, and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not abhor the
Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst open the
kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast redeemed
with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

*We sit to hear the **SECOND LESSON** from the New Testament*

HEBREWS 11.29-40

BY faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

*We stand to hear Stanford's setting of the **JUBILATE DEO** in B.*

OBE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

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.

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.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be 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.

*Then shall be said the **APOSTLES' CREED** by the Minister and the people, standing.*

IBELIEVE 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 Catholick Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

We sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father,

All **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.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Minister says **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY, THE COLLECT FOR THE SEASON, & THE COLLECT FOR PEACE, to each of which all respond:**

Amen.

We say together **THE COLLECT FOR GRACE**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Quires and Places where they sing, here followeth the ANTHEM, for which we sit.

GREATER LOVE

JOHN IRELAND (1879-1962)

MANY waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Canticles 8, John 15, I Peter 2, I Corinthians 6, Romans 12

We remain seated for the ADDRESS, given by The Revd Dr William Lamb, Vicar of the University Church of St Mary the Virgin

We stand to sing the second HYMN

LOVE divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of Heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
All thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesu, Thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy grace receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

We sit for the notices

The Minister offers PRAYERS, ending with the GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

We stand to sing the final HYMN

THE Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with Thee.

We remain standing for the **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord : and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Ministers and people process to the site of Thomas Cranmer's martyrdom in Broad Street.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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