



**Evensong**

**TRINITY 7**

**18 July 2021 6.30pm**

**OFFICIANT & PREACHER: The Rev'd Grant Walton**

*A very warm welcome to St Mary's in the Lace Market this evening.*

**RESPONSES:** Tomkins

**CANTICLES:** Holmes *The Fauxbourdon Service*

**PSALM 73.20-end**

Thus my heart was grieved : and it went even through my reins.  
So foolish was I, and ignorant : even as it were a beast before thee.  
Nevertheless, I am always by thee : for thou hast holden me by my right hand.  
Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel : and after that receive me with glory.  
Whom have I in heaven but thee : and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee.  
My flesh and my heart faileth : but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.  
For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish : thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee.  
But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God : and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

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** *(BCP)*

**1<sup>st</sup> READING** Job 13.20-14.6 read by Margaret Wiedemann

Only grant two things to me, then I will not hide myself from your face: withdraw your hand far from me, and do not let dread of you terrify me. Then call, and I will answer; or let me speak, and you reply to me. How many are my iniquities and my sins? Make me know my transgression and my sin. Why do you hide your face, and count me as your enemy? Will you frighten a windblown leaf and pursue dry chaff? For you write bitter things against me, and make me reap the iniquities of my youth. You put my feet in the stocks, and watch all my paths; you set a bound to the soles of my feet. One wastes away like a rotten thing, like a garment that is moth-eaten.

“A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. Do you fix your eyes on such a one? Do you bring me into judgment with you? Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one can. Since their days are determined, and the number of their months is known to you, and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass, look away from them, and desist, that they may enjoy, like labourers, their days. (NRSV)

**HYMN** Come let us join our cheerful songs 144

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

2 ‘Worthy the Lamb that died,’ they cry,  
‘to be exalted thus;’  
‘worthy the Lamb,’ our lips reply,  
‘for he was slain for us.’

4 Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748) PD*

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING** Hebrews 2.5-end read by Charles Price

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?  
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,  
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. (NRSV)

### **ANTHEM** Mudd - *Let thy merciful ears*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of thy humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions,  
make them to ask such things as shall please thee;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### **HYMN** We give immortal praise 520

1 We give immortal praise  
to God the Father's love  
for all our comforts here,  
and better hopes above:  
he sent his own  
eternal Son,  
to die for sins  
that man had done.

2 To God the Son belongs  
immortal glory too,  
who bought us with his blood  
from everlasting woe:  
and now he lives,  
and now he reigns,  
and sees the fruit  
of all his pains.

3 To God the Spirit's name  
immortal worship give,  
whose new-creating power  
makes the dead sinner live:  
his work completes  
the great design,  
and fills the soul  
with joy divine.

4 Almighty God to thee  
be endless honours done,  
the undivided Three,  
and the mysterious One:  
where reason fails  
with all her powers,  
there faith prevails,  
and love adores.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748) PD*

**HYMN** O what their joy and their glory must be 186

O what their joy and their glory must be,  
those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see;  
crown for the valiant, to weary ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,  
'Vision of peace,' that brings joy evermore.  
Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,  
nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,  
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
thy blessed people eternally raise.

Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,  
we for that country must yearn and must sigh;  
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,  
of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all:  
of whom, the Father; and in whom, the Son;  
through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

*Peter Abelard(1079-1142) Tr JM Neale(1818-66) PD*

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