

Holy Trinity Geneva

# Choral Evensong The Third Sunday in Lent 18h00 Sunday 23rd March 2025



Jacob's Ladder - My Jewish Learning

We warmly welcome you to our service of Choral Evensong. The hymns can be found in the hymn book.

# Processional Hymn NEH 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

We stand to sing

# Welcome

We remain standing

# A sentence of scripture

'And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.' (John 1.51)

# Preces - Tomkins

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 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 PSALMS 12 AND 13

We remain standing to sing Psalm 12

1 Help me Lord, for there is not one 'godly man 'left : for the faithful are minished from a'mong the 'children of 'men. 2 They talk of vanity every one ' with his ' neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble ' in their ' double ' heart. 3 The Lord shall root out all de'ceitful ' lips : and the tongue that ' speaketh ' proud ' things; 4 Which have said, With our tongue will ' we pre'vail : we are they that ought to speak, 'who is 'lord over 'us? 5 Now for the comfortless trouble's sake ' of the ' needy : and because of the deep ' sighing ' of the ' poor, 6 I will up ' saith the ' Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him and will ' set him at ' rest. 7 The words of the 'Lord are ' pure words : even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified ' seven times ' in the ' fire. 8 Thou shalt ' keep them O ' Lord : thou shalt preserve him from ' this gene'ration for 'ever.

9 The ungodly walk on ' every ' side : when they are exalted, the children of ' men are ' put to re'buke.

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. A'men.

#### Psalm 13

1 How long wilt thou forget me O 'Lord for 'ever : how long wilt thou 'hide thy 'face 'from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed ' in my ' heart : how long shall mine ' enemies ' triumph ' over me?

3 Consider and hear me O 'Lord my 'God : lighten my eyes that I ' sleep ' not in ' death.

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have pre'vailed a'gainst him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me ' will re'joice ' at it.

5 But my trust is ' in thy ' mercy : and my heart is ' joyful in ' thy sal'vation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so 'lovingly 'with me : yea I will praise the 'Name of the 'Lord most 'Highest. 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. A'men.

#### First Lesson

#### Genesis 28.10-19a

#### We sit

The First Lesson is taken from the 28th chapter of the book of Genesis, beginning at the  $10^{\text{th}}$  verse:

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

### Magnificat - Set D

We stand to sing My soul doth ' magnify the ' Lord: and my spirit hath re'joiced in ' God my ' Saviour. For he hath re'garded the ' lowliness ' of his ' handmaiden. For he hath re'garded the ' lowliness ' of his ' handmaiden. For be'hold from ' henceforth: all gene'rations 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: through'out all ' gene'rations. He hath shew-ed ' strength with his ' arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagi'nation ' of their ' hearts. He hath put down the mighty ' from their ' seat: And hath ex'alted the ' humble and ' meek. He hath fill-ed the hungry with ' good ' things: and the rich he ' hath sent ' empty a'way. He re'membering 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.' A'men.

#### Second Lesson

#### John 1.35-end

We sit

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel according to St John, Chapter 1 beginning at the 35<sup>th</sup> verse:

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

#### Nunc Dimittis - Set D

We stand to sing Lord now lettest thou thy servant de'part in ' peace: ac'cording ' to thy ' word. For mine eyes have ' seen thy sal'vation: 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.' A'men.

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 guick 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.

**Responses** – Tomkins The Lord be with you **And with thy spirit** Let us pray,

We sit

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.

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

# Collects

Let us pray,

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**.

**Responses** – Ferial The Lord be with you **And with thy spirit** 

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God** 

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

### Anthem - Handel - Behold the lamb of God

We sit Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. John 129

# Homily - Humberto Henderson

### Intercessions

We sit or kneel The response Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

# HYMN NEH 200 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

We stand

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### NEH 200

1 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult Of our life's wild restless sea Day by day his voice is sounding, Saying, 'Christian follow me':

2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake. 3 Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, 'Christian, love me more'.

4 In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these'.

5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy call, Give our hearts to thy obedience, Serve and love thee best of all.

> St Andrew EH Thorne (1834-1916) Mrs CF Alexander (1818-1895)

# The Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace. **Amen**.

# Music after the Service

# Prayer Requests

R.I.P. Anthony (Tony) Mortimer

We pray for his family & friends as they mourn

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Jann Coppen, Jonathan Bezzola, Sybil Sheppard, Chris Talbot, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syratchev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Patricia Brown, Dr Brian Marshall and Janet Pharaoh. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Pray for the Church of Sweden. Pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (Turkey), for Patriarch Bartholomew and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches and their leaders.

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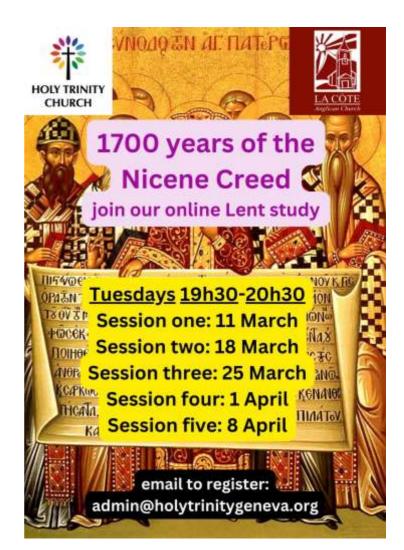
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