

Wednesday, May 26, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

MEMORIAL  
AUGUSTINE, FIRST ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 605

**Officiant:** *The Dean;*

**Cantors:** *Anne Kae, Mark Russom, Organ: Michael Bloss.*

*Feria is the term given to a day other than a Sunday, or Sabbath Day. In fact, early Roman usage differentiated between “Sabbatum” and “Domica”. Saturday or Sunday but these days FERIA refers to any weekday observance. If a weekday liturgy is associated to a saint or ember day, that would take precedence over simply a FERIA designation.*

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

*Today we remember Augustine, the first archbishop of Canterbury. He enters history in the year 596, when he was deputy-abbot of a monastery in the city of Rome. He would have been quite happy to remain in that position, but Pope Gregory the Great chose him to lead a mission to the Anglo-Saxons of England. Augustine was to convert them to Christianity and to organize an English Church. With a company of thirty or forty monks, Augustine landed on the coast of Kent in the spring of 597. The local king had married a Christian wife from France, and she convinced him to let the missionaries enter Canterbury and occupy a small, dilapidated church, abandoned by British Christians when they fled from the invading Anglo-Saxons. The pagan king also permitted the Roman missionaries to preach the gospel without hindrance. Augustine was a reluctant missionary. Instead of actively proclaiming the gospel, he and his companions tried to become a normal part of the landscape, performing the liturgy and making processions much as if they were still in Rome. Those Anglo-Saxons who wished to join them were welcome, but the monks did not go looking for converts. This strategy worked — within four years the king of Kent and his chief retainers accepted baptism. Augustine was made an archbishop by the Pope and by the time he died, on May twenty-sixth in the year 605, the foundations of the English church were truly laid*

**Words of Welcome**

**Sentence**      I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, that the power of  
Christ may dwell in me. *2 Corinthians 12.9b*

Duet: Qui sequitur me

Orlando di Lasso

*Qui sequitur me non ambulat in tenebris  
Sed habebit lumen vitae: dicit Dominus.*

*Who follows me will not walk in the dark  
But will have the light of life: says the Lord*

Introductory responses

Officiant All



Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All



Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All



A - - - - - men.

Hymn – Forgive Me Father I Confess

TEXT: Rae E. Whitney, 1981  
MUSIC: David Ashley White, 1981. SHERIDAN



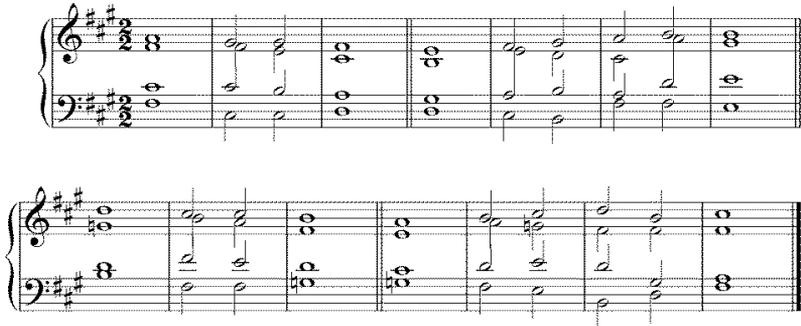
For - give me, Fath - er I con - fess dark dea - lings with un -  
 You formed me from the dust to be in like - ness of the  
 When I, in Ad - am's sin was caught, Christ for my soul, sal -  
 A mem - ber of your king - dom, then, un - til I strayed with  
 You wait - ed long and pa - tient - ly be - cause the choice now

right - eous - ness; from my soiled heart, I pray, re - move what  
 Trin - i - ty, but I have marred that im - age, so your  
 va - tion bought; bap - tized I wore my Sa - viour's sign, con -  
 god - less folk; I linked arms in their world - ly dance and  
 lay with me; at last I to my sen - ses came, re -

ev - er keeps me from your love.  
 truths in me no lon - ger show.  
 firmed I shared his bread and wine.  
 squan - dered my in - her - i - tance.  
 turn - ing home in stum - bling shame.



Psalm 119: 33-40. *Legem pone.*



Teach me O God the / way of • your / statutes,\*  
and I shall / keep it / to the / end.

Give me understanding, and I shall / keep your / law;\*  
I shall / keep it • with / all my / heart.

Make me go in the path of / your com- / mandments,\*  
for / that is / my de- / sire.

In cline my heart to / your de- / crees\*  
and / not to / unjust / gain.

Turn my eyes from watching / what is / worthless;\*  
--- / give me / life in • your / ways.

Fulfil your promise / to your / servant,\*  
which you / make to / those who / fear you.

Turn away the reproach / which I / dread,\*  
be- / cause your / judgements • are / good.

Behold, I long for / your com- / mandments;\*  
in your / righteousness • pre- / serve my / life.

Psalm 119: 41-48. *Et veniat super me*



Let your loving kindness come to me, O God,\*  
and your salvation according to **your** promise.



Then I shall have a word of truth out of **my** mouth,\*  
for my hope is in **your** words.

Do not take the word of truth out of **my** mouth,\*  
for my hope is in **your** judgements.

I shall continue to keep **your** law,\*  
I shall keep it for ever **and** ever.

I will walk **at** liberty,\*  
because I study your **com**-mandments,\*

I will tell of your decrees be-**fore** rulers.  
and will not be **ash**-amed.

I delight in your **com**-mandments,\*  
which I always **have** loved.

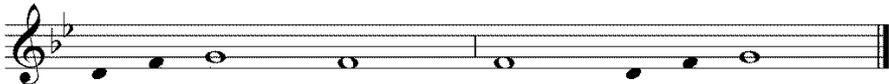
I will lift up my hands to your **com**-mandments,\*  
and I will meditate on **your** statutes.

Glory to God Source of **all** being,  
eternal Word and Ho-**ly** Spirit.

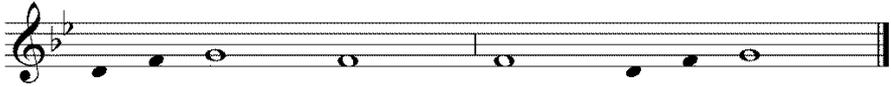
As it was in the **be**-ginning,  
is now and will be forever. **A**-men.

## The Song of Mary

*(sung by all)*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;  
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour  
For you Lord have looked with **favour**  
on your **lowly** servant.



From this day all generations will call me **blest**  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name  
You have mercy on those who **fear** you:

From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**  
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.  
Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**  
And lifting **up** the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away** empty.  
You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

Glory to the Father and to the **Son**; and to the **Holy** Spirit  
As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and will be for ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.*

## Word (Luke 15: 1,2 11-32)

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Nunc Dimittis

*(sung by all)*



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;\*  
your word has **been** fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'**ry people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** \*  
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **A-men.**

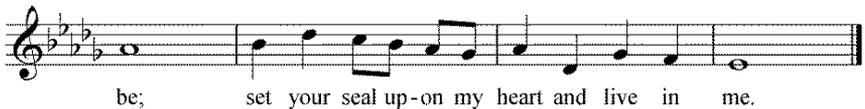
## Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*





Everliving God, you strengthened your servant Augustine, though he was fearful and laden with doubt, to lay the foundations of your Church among the English people. Grant us always to show forth the reason for all your gifts so freely bestowed upon us, by sharing with all peoples and races your infinite gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one, and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn – Forever in the Heart There Springs

Thomas Troeger, 1994.

For - ev - er in the heart there springs a hun - ger ne - ver  
 TrueBread of Hea - ven, Life Di - vine, E - ter - nal Man - na,  
 Let Christ be prais'd for ev - er - more who makes us rich when

touched by things, and if un - met, this in - ward need goes  
 Ho - ly Sign, our need of you in - cites our quest, your  
 we are poor, who sees the tatt - ered, beg - ging soul be -

prow - ling as in - cess - ant greed: we reach and reach for  
 pres - ense brings our search to rest: the hol - low, hun - gry  
 neath the cloak of class and role, who hears the heart's un -

more and more while with each gain we seem but  
 heart is filled and all its grasp - ing mo - tions  
 spo - ken groan and meets our need as if his

poor. We work to earn what can't be bought; through  
 stilled, our quench - less thirst is sa - tis - fied, and  
 own, to whom all thirst and hun - ger yield, the

pray'r and faith it must be sought.  
 ev - ery need and want sup - plied.  
 bread whose taste is truth re - vealed.

## The Dismissal

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

**Organ** – Chaconne

Louis Couperin

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG  
THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Dean with The Cathedral Schola and Michael Bloss

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