

Wednesday, November 11, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
MEMORIAL OF MARTIN, BISHOP OF TOURS, 397
REMEMBRANCE DAY

Homilist and Officiant: Dan Tatarnic

The Schola Cantorum: Sarah McPherson, Anne Kae, Mark Russom, Jeremy Ludwig

Trumpet: Katherine Brown

Director: Michael Bloss.

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 to most in-person gatherings, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.

Today the Church honours Martin, a fourth-century bishop of Tours who was “filled with power from on high” — and used it to serve the poor and strengthen the faithful in their witness to Christ.

Martin was a soldier by profession, but renounced military life when he accepted the gospel and became a catechumen, which is the Church’s name for someone preparing for baptism. There is a story which shows that he already understood what his new life required of him. He was riding into Amiens when he met a beggar who was almost naked, and he cut his soldier’s cloak in half in order to clothe the man. The following night he had a dream in which he saw Christ himself wrapped in half of a soldier’s cloak and saying, “Martin, a mere catechumen, covered me with his garment.” After his baptism Martin spent several years wandering, then settled near Poitiers and built himself a little shelter where he lived and prayed as a monk. Other Christians in quest of perfection began to gather around him, and he eventually organized the first monastic community in France. In the year 372 he was elected bishop of Tours, but he continued to live as a monk, dwelling in a bare cell and holding no property for himself, even as he cared for the people of his diocese. He also launched a continuing mission to the pagan countryfolk in his district, and took an active part in the wider life of the Church. Even before his death in the year 397 Martin became the subject of a biography which concentrated on his miraculous powers and ensured his fame as a wonder-worker down through the Middle Ages. Today we do not forget the powers that God bestowed on him, but prefer to remember how he used them — for the peace of the Church, for the spread of the gospel, for leading the faithful in the way of holiness, and for mercy to the poor.

Words of Welcome

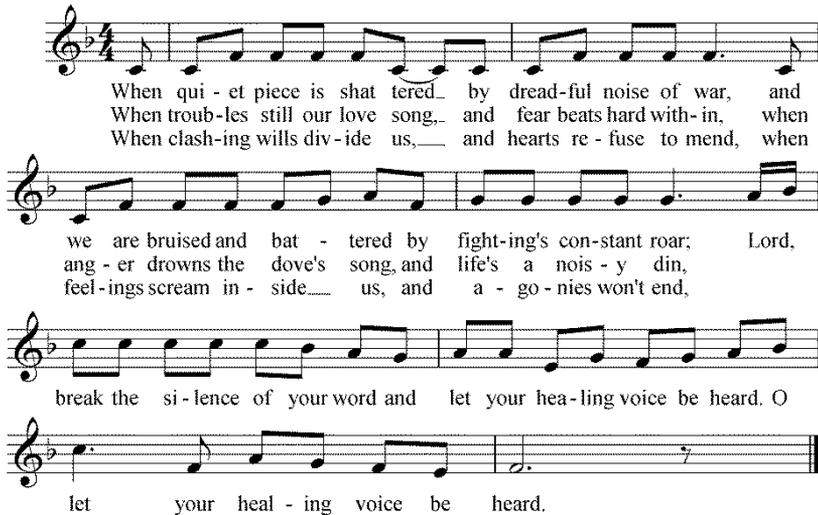
Sentence – Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.

Luke 3.11

Hymn – When quiet peace is shattered

Words: Mary Nelson Keithahn 1991

Music: John D. Hormon, 1991.

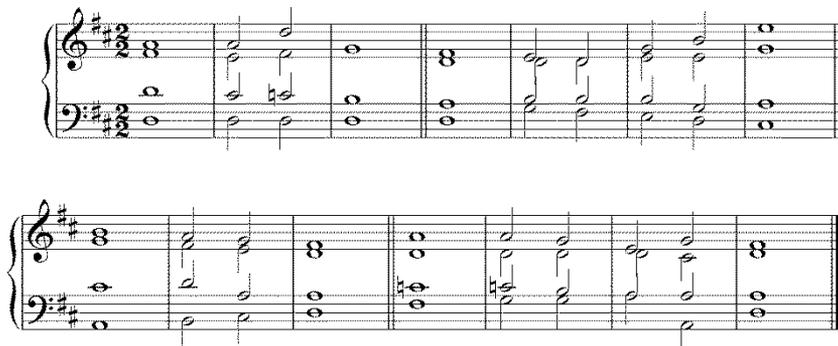


When quiet peace is shattered by dreadful noise of war, and
When troubles still our love song, and fear beats hard within, when
When clashing wills divide us, and hearts refuse to mend, when
we are bruised and battered by fighting's constant roar; Lord,
anger drowns the dove's song, and life's a noisy din,
feelings scream inside us, and agonies won't end,
break the silence of your word and let your healing voice be heard. O
let your healing voice be heard.

Psalm 81 – Exultate Deo

Chant: Tertius Noble in D/Walmisley in B-flat

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.



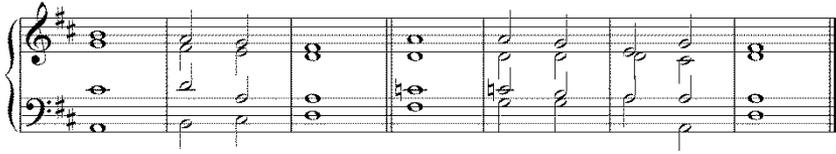
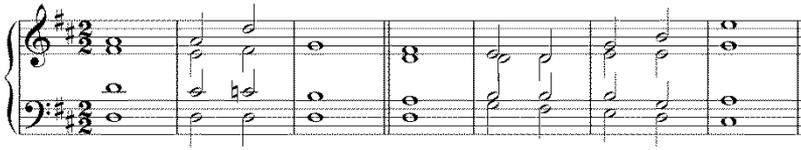
The image shows two systems of musical notation for Psalm 81. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 2/2. The music is written in a style that suggests a choral or instrumental setting, with various chordal textures and melodic lines.

Sing with joy to / God our / strength*

and raise a loud shout to the / God of / Jacob • and / Rachel.

Raise a song and / sound the / timbrel,*

the / merry • harp / and the / lyre.



Blow the ram's horn / at the • new / moon,*
and at the full / moon, the / day of • our / feast.

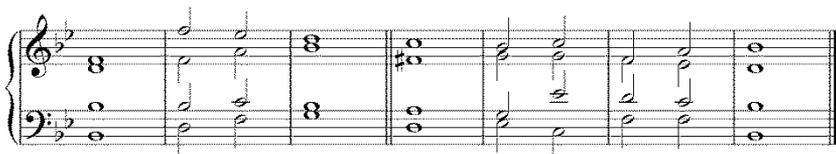
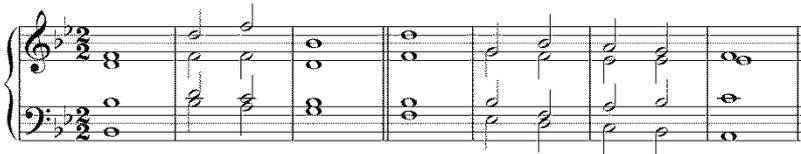
For this is a / statute • for / Israel,*
a law of the God of / Abra- / ham and / Sarah.

God laid it as a solemn / charge up-• on / Joseph,*
when he came / out of • the / land of / Egypt.

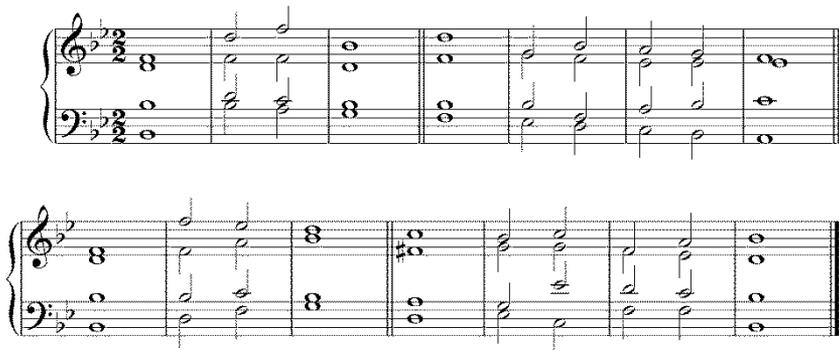
I heard an unfa- / miliar • voice / saying,*
“I eased your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were set / free from / bearing • the / load.”

You called on me in trouble, / and I / saved you,*
I answered you from the secret place of thunder
and tested you / at the / waters • of / Meribah.

Hear O my people, and / I will • ad- / monish you:*
O Israel, if you / would but / listen • to / me!



There shall be no strange / God a- / mong you;*
you shall not / worship • a / foreign / god.



I am your God, who brought you out of the land of / Egypt • and / said,*
 “Open your mouth / wide and / I will / fill it.”

And yet my people did not / hear my / voice,*
 and / Israel • would / not o- / bey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness / of their / hearts,*
 to / follow • their / own de- / vices.

Oh that my people would / listen • to / me!*
 that Israel / would walk / in my / ways!

I should soon sub- / due their / enemies*
 and turn my / hand a- / gainst their / foes.

Those who hate me would / cringe be- / fore me,*
 their / punishment • would / last for- / ever.

But Israel I would feed with the / finest / wheat*
 and satisfy / them with / honey from • the / rock.

Glory to God, / Source of • all / being,
 eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the • be- / ginning,
 is now and will be for- / ever. / A- / men

God stands in the / council • of / heaven;*
and gives judgement / in the / midst of • the / gods:

“How long will you / judge un- / justly,
and show / favour / to the / wicked?”

Save the weak / and the / orphan;*
de- / fend the / humble • and / needy;

Rescue the weak / and the / poor;*
deliver them / from the / pow’r of • the / wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go a- / bout in / darkness;*
all the foundations / of the / earth are / shaken.

Now I say to you, / ‘You are / gods,*
and all of you / children / of the • Most / High.

Nevertheless, you shall / die like / mortals,*
and / fall like / any / ruler.”

Arise O God, and / rule the / earth,*
for you shall take all / nations / for your / own.

Glory to God, / Source of • all / being,
eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the • be- / ginning,
is now and will be for- / ever. / A- / men

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We believe in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

The Magnificat –

Short Service – Orlando Gibbons

*My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations 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:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering 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. Amen.*

Collect

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

Lord God of hosts,
you clothed your servant Martin with the spirit of sacrifice,
and set him in the midst of your Church
as a guide in the path of holiness.
Give us grace to follow the light of his example,
that we may be clothed with your righteousness
in the dwellings of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God,
now and for ever

Amen.

The Litany

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



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Christ the splendour of God's glory, enlightens us with his word.
With deep love we call upon him

Refrain

Blessed are you, the alpha and the omega of our faith,
for you called us out of darkness into your marvellous light.

Refrain

You enabled the blind to see, and the deaf to hear,
help our unbelief.

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

Lord, keep us in your love, preserve our community,
 do not let us become separated from one another.

Refrain

Give us strength in temptation, endurance in trial,
 and gratitude in prosperity.

Refrain

AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Hymn: O God Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in a- ges past our hope for years to come; our
 un - der the sha- dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure; suf-
 Be - fore the hills in or- der stood, or earth re- ceived its frame; from
 A thou- sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve- ning gone; short
 shel - ter from the storm - y blast and our e - ter - nal home.
 fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.
 ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 as the watch that ends the night be - fre the ris - ing sun.

Poem: In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

The Last Post
The Two Minute Silence
The Reveille

Commitment to Remember

They were young, as we are young,
They served, giving freely of themselves.
To them, we pledge, amid the winds of time,
To carry their torch and never forget.
We will remember them.

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.

The Nunc Dimittis -

Short Service – Orlando Gibbons

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen:
thy salvation;
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. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Organ – Nimrod

Edward Elgar

NEXT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
EVENING PRAYER FOR
HILDA, ABBESS OF WHITBY
Richard Cunningham, soloist and cantor
Dr. Rob Jones homilist.

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