



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Light, Evensong, and Devotions

Sunday, September 9, 2018

PRELUDE

SERVICE OF LIGHT *See booklet.*

EVENSONG

Psalm 103: *Benedic, anima mea*



- 1 BLESS THE Lord, O my soul, / and all that is within me, bless his ho-ly^Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, / and forget not all his be-ne^fits,
- 3 He forgives all your sins / and heals all your in-fir-mi^ties;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave /
and crowns you with mercy and loy-ing-kind-ness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, /
and your youth is renewed like an ea-gle's.
- 6 The Lord executes right-teous^ness / and judgement for all who are op^ressed.
- 7 He made his ways know to Mo-ses / and his works to the child-ren of Is-ra^el.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mer-cy, / slow to anger and of great kind-ness.
- 9 He will not always ac-cuse us, / nor will he keep his an-ger for ev-er.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, /
nor rewarded us according to our wick-ed^ness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, /
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, / so far has he re-moved our sins from^us.
- 13 As a father cares for his child-ren, / so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; /
he remembers that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass; / we flourish like a flow-er of the^field;
- 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, / and its place shall know it no more.

- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, /
and his righteousness on child-ren's child-ren.
- 18 **On those who keep his co-ve^nant /
and remember his command-ments and do them.**
- 19 The Lord has set his throne in hea-ven, /
and his kingship has do-mi-nion ov-er^all.
- 20 **Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bid-ding, /
and hearken to the voice of his word.**
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, / you ministers of his who do his^will.
- 22 **Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his do-mi-nion; /
bless the Lord, O my^soul.**
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi-rit: /
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 12.21-33

Reader: The first lesson is written in the 12th chapter of the first book of Kings,
beginning at the 21st verse.

When Rehoboam came to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin, one hundred and eighty thousand chosen troops to fight against the house of Israel, to restore the kingdom to Rehoboam son of Solomon. But the word of God came to Shemaiah the man of God: Say to King Rehoboam of Judah, son of Solomon, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, "Thus says the Lord, You shall not go up or fight against your kindred the people of Israel. Let everyone go home, for this thing is from me." So they heeded the word of the Lord and went home again, according to the word of the Lord.

Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and resided there; he went out from there and built Penuel. Then Jeroboam said to himself, "Now the kingdom may well revert to the house of David. If this people continues to go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, the heart of this people will turn again to their master, King Rehoboam of Judah; they will kill me and return to King Rehoboam of Judah." So the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold. He said to the people, "You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." He set one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. And this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one at Bethel and before the other as far as Dan. He also made houses on high places, and appointed priests from among all the people, who were not Levites. Jeroboam appointed a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the festival that was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar; so he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth

day in the eighth month, in the month that he alone had prescribed; he appointed a festival for the people of Israel, and he went up to the altar to offer incense.

Reader: Here ends the first lesson.

Magnificat *See booklet.*

Second Lesson: Matthew 5.13-20

Reader: The second lesson is written in the 5th chapter of the gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 13th verse.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: Here ends the second lesson.

Nunc dimittis *See booklet.*

Apostles’ Creed, Mutual salutation and Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer, Suffrages *See booklet.*

Collect of the Day

Officiant Stir up, O Lord,
 the wills of your faithful people,
 that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
 we may by you be richly rewarded;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Anthem: *My eyes for beauty pine*

Howells

Prayers and Thanksgivings

Hymn 26: *To you before the close of day*

TE LUCIS

Devotions *See booklet.*

Motet: *Thee we adore*

Mode V

Officiant: Mtr Maggie Helwig
Organist and choir director: John Gardham