

8AM Traditional Service, St John's Dalby

April 18 2021

IMMORTAL INVISIBLE

Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient
of Days, almighty, victorious, your great
name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in
might; your justice like mountains high
soaring above your clouds which are
fountains of goodness and love.

You give life to all, Lord, to both great and
small, in all life now living, the true life of
all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on a
tree, then wither: but ever unchanged you
will be.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their
sight; of all your rich graces this grace,
Lord, impart – take the veil from our
faces, the veil from our heart.

All praise we would render: reveal to our
sight what hides you is only the splendour
of light; and so let your glory, Almighty,
impart, through Christ in the story, your
Christ to the heart.

Together in Song No 143 In the Public Domain

Prayer of Preparation

Canon Rod: [Let us pray.]

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are
open, all desires known, and from whom
no secrets are hidden: cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly**

**love you, and worthily magnify your holy
name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anne: Turn to God so that your sins may
be wiped out, so that times of refreshing
may come from the presence of the Lord.
Acts 3.19–20

THE COLLECT

Anne: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of life, by submitting to death, you
conquered the grave; by being lifted upon
the cross, you draw all peoples to you; by
being raised from the dead, you restore to
humanity all that was lost through sin: be
with us in your risen power, that in word
and deed we may proclaim the marvellous
mystery of death and resurrection. For all
praise is yours, now and throughout
eternity. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Med: 1st Reading

1st Reading 1 John 2:1-17

“My dear children, I write this to you so
that you will not sin. But if anybody does
sin, we have an advocate with the
Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.
He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and
not only for ours but also for the sins of
the whole world.

We know that we have come to know him
if we keep his commands. Whoever says,
“I know him,” but does not do what he
commands is a liar, and the truth is not in
that person. But if anyone obeys his word,
love for God is truly made complete in
them. This is how we know we are in him:

Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, dear children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but

whoever does the will of God lives forever.”

End of the reading
Hear the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Anne: Psalm

Psalm 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness: when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

² **Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?**

³ Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

⁴ **Tremble, and do no sin: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices that are right: and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶ **There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?: the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.’**

⁷ Yet you have given my heart more gladness: that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

⁸ **In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

John Samuel Bewley Monsell

Worship the Lord
in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him,
his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience,
and incense of lowliness,
bring and adore him:
the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay
your burden of carefulness:
high on his heart
he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows,
and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps
in the way best for you.

Fear not to enter
his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth
you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty,
and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings
to bring to his throne.

These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept
for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give
for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling
and hope for our fear.

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Gospel Reading

Ken: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The deacon says

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The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according Luke Chapter 24 beginning at
the 36th verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 24:36-48

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third

day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

(Luke 24:36–48)

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Canon Rod: Sermon

THE CREED

Anne: Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the
only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God
from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of one
being with the Father; through him all
things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in
accordance with the Scriptures; he
ascended into heaven and is seated at
the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified, who has**

**spoken through the prophets. We believe
in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the
resurrection of the dead, and the life of
the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Meg: The Prayers

Prayers conclude

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, **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 for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Anne: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Jesus said: 'This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

Invitation to Confession

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

Silence may be kept.

Confession

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Canon Rod: Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Canon Rod: We are the body of Christ. His Spirit is with us.

Peace

Canon Rod: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Peace is said with no hand shaking.

THERE'S A LIGHT UPON THE MOUNTAINS

Henry Burton

There's a light upon the mountains,
and the day is at the spring,
when our eyes shall see the beauty
and the glory of the King;
weary was our heart with waiting,
and the night-watch seemed so long;
but His triumph-day is breaking,
and we hail it with a song.

There's a hush of expectation,
and a quiet in the air;
and the breath of God is moving
in the fervent breath of prayer:
for the suffering, dying Jesus
is the Christ upon the throne,
and the travail of our spirit
is the travail of His own.

He is breaking down the barriers,
He is casting up the way;
He is calling for His angels
to build up the gates of day:
but His angels here are human,
not the shining hosts above;
for the drum-beats of His army
are the heart-beats of our love.

Hark! we hear a distant music,
and it comes with fuller swell;
'tis the triumph-song of Jesus,
of our King, Immanuel:
Zion, go ye forth to meet Him;
and, my soul, be swift to bring
all thy sweetness and thy dearest
for the triumph of our King!

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Canon Rod: OFFERTORY

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these
gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. He offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people. The tree of defeat became the tree of victory; where life was lost, there life has been restored. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you.

This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Canon Rod: THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the
risen Lord. May we who celebrate this
holy feast walk in his risen light and bring
new life to all creation.

Prayer of self-offering

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a
living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to
live and work to your praise and glory.**

Canon Rod: Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again
from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great
shepherd of the sheep, through the blood
of the everlasting covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you what is pleasing in his
sight; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

Anne: Dismissal

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen**

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

Horatius Bonar

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto Me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon My chest
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in Him a resting place
And He has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in Him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's light
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till travelling days are done

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