

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PULBOROUGH



**SUNG EVENSONG ON
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Mothering Sunday)
(1662 Book of Common Prayer)**

6pm Sunday 31st March, 2019

Introductory Organ Music:
Chorale prelude on "Song 13" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

*The Service begins with a **welcome and a sentence from Scripture.***

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying with me:

Please kneel or sit

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand

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.

**Office Hymn NEH 457 (2nd Tune)
Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)**

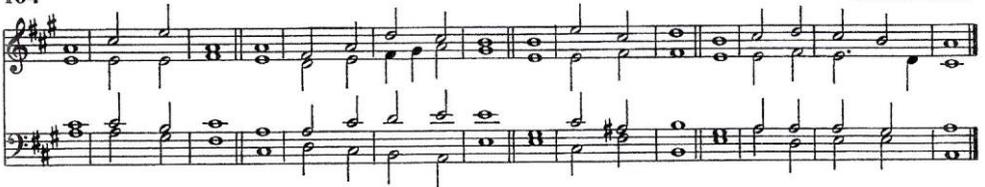
**1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine, for ever.**

- 2 Where streams of living waters flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and, where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise,
within thy house for ever!

Psalm 30

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THOMAS NORRIS



I will magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up *
and not made my foes to triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee *
and thou hast healed me.

**Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell *
thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.**

**Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his *
and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.**

**For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his
pleasure is life *
heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the
morning.**

**And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed *
thou, Lord, of thy goodness hast made my hill so strong.**

**Thou didst turn thy face from me *
and I was troubled.**

**Then cried I unto thee, O Lord *
and gat me to my Lord right humbly.**

**What profit is there in my blood *
when I go down to the pit?**

**Shall the dust give thanks unto thee *
or shall it declare thy truth?**

**Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me *
Lord, be thou my helper.**

**Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy *
thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.**

**Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without
ceasing *
O my God, I will give thanks unto thee 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.**

Please sit

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40. 27 – 41. 13

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
‘My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall
exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Listen to me in silence, O coastlands;
let the peoples renew their strength;
let them approach, then let them speak;
let us together draw near for judgement.

Who has roused a victor from the east,
summoned him to his service?
He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot;
he makes them like dust with his sword,
like driven stubble with his bow.
He pursues them and passes on safely,
scarcely touching the path with his feet.
Who has performed and done this,
calling the generations from the beginning?

I, the LORD, am first, and will be with the last.
The coastlands have seen and are afraid,
the ends of the earth tremble;
they have drawn near and come.
Each one helps the other, saying to one another, 'Take courage!'
The artisan encourages the goldsmith,
and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one
who strikes the anvil,
saying of the soldering, 'It is good';
and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved.
But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
the offspring of Abraham, my friend;
you whom I took from the ends of the earth,
and called from its farthest corners, saying to you,
'You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off';
do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Yes, all who are incensed against you
shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you
shall be as nothing and shall perish.
You shall seek those who contend with you,
but you shall not find them; those who war against you
shall be as nothing at all.
For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand

The Magnificat



**MY soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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.**

Please sit

The Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4. 1-18

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when

people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

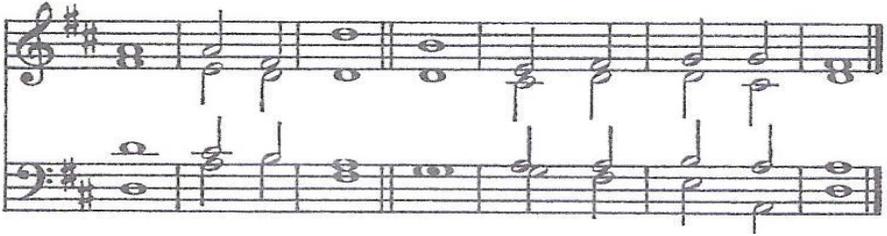
Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Here ends the second lesson

Please stand

Nunc dimittis



**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 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 quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or 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 Queen.
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.

The Collect for the Day

O Lord, we beseech thee,
absolve thy people from their offences,
that through thy bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, O heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **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.**

**Hymn: NEH 359 (Tune 322)
John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)**

- 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.**
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**
- 3 Cast care aside; upon thy guide
lean, and his mercy will provide;
lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**
- 4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.**

The Prayers

The Prayers conclude with the Grace

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Hymn: NEH 420
John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
- 2 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.
- 3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.

**4 O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.**

The Sermon

**Hymn: NEH 252
John Ellerton (1826-1893)**

**1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**2 We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.**

**3 As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**4 The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

5 **So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

The Blessing

Postlude on "The King's Majesty" by Matthew Corl.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

**Sunday 14th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE
LORD'S PASSION**

10.15am Starting at St. Crispin & St. Crispinians RC
Church

Thursday 18th April: MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by
'The Watch'

Friday 19th April: GOOD FRIDAY

9.30-11.30am Children's Workshop
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 20th April: EASTER EVE

8.30pm The Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of
Easter

Sunday 21st April: EASTER DAY

8am The Holy Eucharist (Said) 10.30am THE
PARISH EUCHARIST

