

William Blake Jacob's Ladder

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Mattins with Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr Stephen Anderson

Preacher: Revd Dr Mark Smith,

Dean, Clare College

12th September 2021 at 11.00am

¶ Please stand

WELCOME - Fr Stephen

THE INTROIT HYMN NEH 200 Jesus calls us!



JESUS calls us! O'er the tumult Of our life's wild restless sea Day by day his voice is sounding, Saying, 'Christian, follow me':

- 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for his dear sake.
- Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden store, From each idol that would keep us, Saying, 'Christian, love me more'.
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toil and hours of ease, Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, 'Christian, love me more than these'.
- 5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Saviour, may we hear thy call, Give our hearts to thy obedience, Serve and love thee best of all.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

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.

THE VENITE



- f O COME, let us' sing unto the' Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the 'strength of' our sal'vation.
 - 2 Let us come before his 'presence with 'thanksgiving: and shew ourselves 'glad in 'him with 'psalms.
 - 3 For the Lord is a 'great' God: and a great' King above 'all' gods.
 - 4 In his hand are all the 'corners of the 'earth: and the strength of the 'hills is 'his' also.
 - 5 The sea is his and 'he' made it: and his hands pre'pared the' dry 'land.
- b 6 O come, let us worship and 'fall' down: and kneel be'fore the 'Lord our' Maker.
 - 7 For he is the 'Lord our' God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the 'sheep of 'his' hand.

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.' A'men.

¶ Please sit

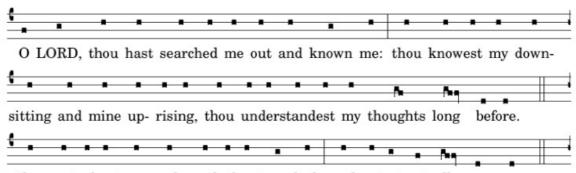
THE FIRST LESSON (read by Finn Jarvis)

The first lesson is written in twenty-eighth chapter of Book of Genesis, beginning at the tenth verse.

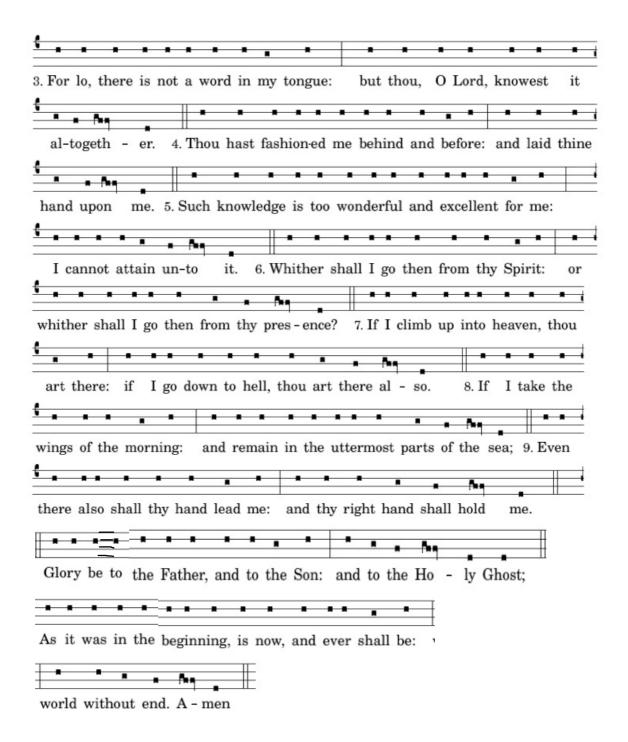
And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

Here endeth the first lesson.

PSALM 139 vv. 1-9



Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.

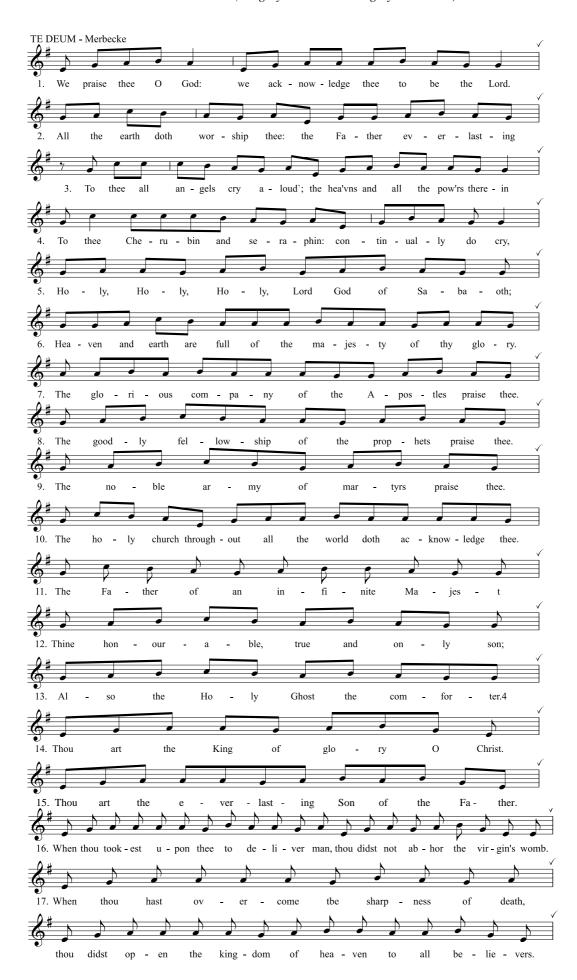


THE SECOND LESSON (read by Jayne Ringrose)

The second lesson is written in 1st chapter of the Gospel according to St John, beginning at the forty-third verse.

The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Here endeth the second lesson.





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.

Let us pray

¶ Please kneel or sit

THE PRAYERS

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Och LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Other more gladly than ever; renew our delight in thy Word and Sacraments; renew our joy in thee; renew our longing that all may know thee; renew our desire to serve thee and others, so that we may walk in the light of thy love and in the power of thy Spirit, now and for evermore. **Amen**.

OGOD, the Creator and Preserver of all, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of thy people; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We remember especially the people of Afghanistan, for all living in fear for what the future will bring, praying especially for moderation and restraint among all who carry the gun and a peaceful transition to new rule. We pray especially for all women, for fulfilment in their lives that they may flourish without fear.

We pray for the good estate of thy Holy Church: that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We remember Thomas Emmanuel Davies and Sacha Tiffany Brenninkmeijer, married yesterday, together with Rowan and Kate Lawson and Danilo and Kerry Ortiz-Llerena, married here recently, that their lives may grow in joy and peace together.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body or estate; remembering Dianne Fraser, Mary Lester, Chris and Janet Nevitt, and Greg Paris, and continuing to hold Valerie Kasper and her son Theodore in our prayers as they recover from the awful stabbing incident, that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them all, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of their afflictions.

And finally we pray for those whose lives are drawing to a close, that they may journey through the shadow of death, fearing no evil, and that thy rod and staff may comfort them. And we remember also Elizabeth ("Betty") Kelly, recently departed of this life. May she and all who face death ascend the ladder to so dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. We remember all who grieve her passing that they may be comforted.

All this we beg, in the name of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr Mark Smith, Dean, Clare College

¶ Please stand

THE OFFERTORY HYMN NEH 373 How shall I sing that majesty



- HOW shall I sing that majesty
 Which angels do admire?
 Let dust in dust and silence lie;
 Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
 Thousands of thousands stand around
 Thy throne, O God most high;
 Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
 Thy praise; but who am I?
- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears, Whilst I thy footsteps trace; A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold thy face. They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun There alleluyas be.
- 3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
 Inflame it with love's fire;
 Then shall I sing and bear a part
 With that celestial choir.
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
 With all my fire and light;
 Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
 Lord, treasure up my mite.
- 4 How great a being, Lord, is thine, Which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line To sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, A sun without a sphere; Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

LMIGHTY God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Please stand

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (sung to the setting by Charles Wood in the Phrygian mode)

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death,

until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI (sung to the setting by Charles Wood in the Phrygian mode)

Chamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

¶ In accordance with the Anglican tradition, Holy Communion is administered in both kinds i.e. the consecrated Bread and Wine. During the current pandemic, this can only be offered by intinction i.e. the consecrated wafer dipped in the consecrated wine, as the sharing of the Common Cup (Chalice) by sipping the consecrated wine is not permitted.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Anon. Alta Trinità beata

Alta Trinità beata, da noi sempre adorata, Trinità gloriosa unità maravigliosa, Tu sei manna saporosa e tutta desiderosa. High and blessed Trinity, By us always adored. Glorious Trinity, Marvelous unity, You are savory manna and all that we can desire.



THE COMMUNION HYMN NEH 271 Alleluia sing to Jesus



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

Oto accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN NEH 376 I heard the voice of Jesus say



I HEARD the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my breast:'
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.

- J 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.

Closing organ voluntary

Eric Thiman Postlude on Hanover

We hope you will join us for coffee, which is served in the south aisle

Music for private reflection Vaughan Williams The Lark Ascending https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyloVSzSAJw