



CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis

from the *Service in C minor*  
George Dyson (1883-1964)

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.

*Luke 2:29-32*

### THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have sent us your salvation.  
Inspire us by your Holy Spirit  
to recognize him who is the glory of Israel  
and the light for all nations,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Amen.

*All sit*

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

*Reader:* Donna Belleville

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like washers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader* Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM

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*Chant:* Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)



How dear to me is your dwelling, O / Lord of / hosts!  
my soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice / in the / liv-ing / God.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may / lay her / young;  
by the side of your altars O Lord of hosts, / my King / and my / God.

Happy are they who / dwell in • your / house!  
they will / always • be / prais-ing / you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in / you are / happy!  
whose hearts are / set on • the / pil-grim's / way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a / place of / springs,  
for the early rains have / covered it • with / pools of / water.

They will climb from / height to / height;  
and the God of gods will re- /veal him- / self in / Zion.

Lord God of hosts, / hear my / prayer;  
--- / hearken, • O / God of / Jacob.

Behold our de-/fender • O / God;\*  
and look upon the / face of / your a-/ nointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in / my own / room,\*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell / in the / tents of • the / wicked.

For the Lord God is both / sun and / shield,\*  
he / will give / grace and / glory.

No good thing will the / Lord with- / hold\*  
from / those who / walk with • in- / tegrity.

O / Lord of / hosts,  
they are happy who / put their / trust in / you!

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

*Reader:* Donna Belleville

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

*Reader*        Thanks be to God.

## HYMN 439

*Blessed Are the Pure in Heart*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.” There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Jerry

*All stand*

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,  
*All* **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He 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

*Leader:* Wendy Steel

*Leader* Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.  
Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel: look in mercy on your  
Church, sharing his light. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: look in mercy on the departed that they may see your salvation. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Leader* Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment. Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

*People* **Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*All* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*People* Amen.

THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

HYMN 132

*Of Eternal Love Begotten*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
because in the mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of salvation  
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Now with angels and archangels  
and the whole company of heaven,  
we lift our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

*Common Praise, no. 689*

*All remain standing or kneel*

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.

*All* Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**we remember his death,**  
**we proclaim his resurrection,**  
**we await his coming in glory;**



*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

*People* Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
*People* **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*Celebrant* The gifts of God for the people of God,  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD

*Common Praise*, no. 690

THE COMMUNION

*Please follow the directions of the greeters as you make your way to the altar  
Kneeling and standing are both appropriate postures to receive the Eucharist*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jacob Quadfleig (1854–1915)

In te speravi, Domine, dixi: Tu es Deus meus, in manibus tuis tempora mea.

*In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped: I said, Thou art my God, my times are in Thy hands.*

*After communion, all stand for*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.  
*All* **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son  
Jesus Christ.  
May we, who share his body,  
live his risen life;  
we, who drink his cup,  
bring life to others;  
we, whom the Spirit lights,  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
So that we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 598

*Go to the World*

VOLUNTARY *Christ Who Makes Us Blessed* from *Orgelbüchlein* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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New light has dawned, the Son of God is here, a  
The light of glo - ry shines to an - gels' song, the  
And priest - ly men sit lis - tening to a boy, they shine  
O Christ, the light who came to us on earth, shine  
ho - ly light no earth - ly light out - shines; the  
she - pherds run to where a ba - by lies; a  
see the dawn - ing light with - in his face. Such  
through the sha - dow cast by hu - man sin; re -  
light has dawned, the light that casts out fear, the  
ser - vant of the Lord, who wai - ted long, ac -  
words they hear those Christ child lips em - ploy! A -  
new the faith you gave at our new birth, des -  
light that e - vil dreads and love de - fines.  
calims the light to ligh - ten Gen - tile eyes.  
ma - zing words of wis - dom, truth and grace.  
troy the dark, and let your light come in.

A very warm welcome to our guest Celebrant and preacher,  
The Rev'd Dr Marc Jerry

Dr Jerry is the President of Renison University

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