

RS M MUSIC SUNDAY

A Service of the Word to celebrate Music Sunday – 14th June 2020

PREPARATION

Greeting

O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord
and to sing praises to your name, O Lord Most High.
To tell of your love early in the morning and of your faithfulness in the night-time.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

Psalm 92:1-2; 95:1-2

Welcome and Introduction

Hymn: Angel Voices ever singing

Confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God for idols of our own imagining.
As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity, and to worship him in spirit
and in truth, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence may be kept.

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
We have failed to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
We have used your gifts to serve our own ends.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

O God of glory,
around whose eternal throne all the heavenly powers
offer you ceaseless songs of praise;
grant that we may join our praises with the saints and angels
who behold you face to face,
and with them come into your awesome presence, where you reign, ever one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 5:11-end

Psalm: Paraphrase of Psalm 40:1-3,9,10 with response.

You put a new song in my mouth:

a song of praise to you, my God.

All You put a new song in my mouth: a song of praise to you, my God.

I waited patiently for you, Lord;

You bent down to me and heard my cry for help.

All You put a new song in my mouth.

Many shall see, and stand amazed,

And put their trust in you, Lord.

All You put a new song in my mouth.

I love to do your will, Lord God;

your law is deep in my heart.

All You put a new song in my mouth.

I proclaimed your righteousness in the gathering of God's people;

I did not hold back from speaking out.

All You put a new song in my mouth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

The Lord is with us, he is our stronghold:

All God will help at the break of day.

Epistle: Ephesians 5.15-20

Anthem: Sing we Merrily, Adrian Batten (*based on Psalm 81*)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 1:57-68

SERMON

Anthem: Almighty and Everlasting God, Orlando Gibbons

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Ending with

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints.
Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us
Our Father...

ENDING

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Concluding Prayers

Creator God,
you have made us in your image to reflect your goodness. You have called us to use our gifts to build your kingdom. Give us wisdom and help us to use our skills to your glory and for the building up of the people we serve.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

God of majesty,
Whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven:
be with your servants who make music for your people, that with joy we on earth may glimpse your beauty;
and bring us to the fulfilment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

Hymn: New songs of celebration (*based on Psalm 98*)

Notices

Sending Out and Blessing

May the songs of the angels sustain you,
may the praises of the saints inspire you,
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart, and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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