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Sunday July 4th 1976

The Church of St. Peter
Bridge

6.30 p.m.

Processional Hymn:

Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
His praises sound
As in his light
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

Ye saints who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good and ill,
Who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above,
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

Prayer: Gracious God, who hast taught us by thy word that it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful, make us truly thankful for all thy mercies from time to time bestowed upon us, especially as at this time when danger, noise and fumes have been removed from the midst of the community in which we live; grant that we thy servants may so use all the blessings given us that we are unfeignedly thankful and dedicate again our lives to thy purpose. So that at the end we may come to thy eternal kingdom, through the salvation of thy son our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Let us beseech with earnest prayer our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the straight path of them that journey, and the unwearied salvation of them that sojourn, that he may bless his servants who dwell in this place, and those who pass by, that they may be brought safely to their homes and prosper in the spirit as they travel the road of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, whom to know is eternal life. *Amen.*

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.
R. Christ, have mercy upon us.
V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father ...

V. O Lord, save thy servants.
R. Which put their trust in thee.
V. Send us help from thy sanctuary.
R. And strengthen us out of Sion.
V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.
R. From the face of our enemy.
V. Blessed be the Lord daily.
R. And may the God of our salvation make our journey prosperous.

PSALM 150. *Laudate Dominum.*

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.
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.*

First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 51. (1-12).

The Benedictus:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people; And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us: in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies; might serve him without fear:
In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
And thou, Child, shall be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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.*

Second Lesson: St. Luke 24. (vv. 13-31)

The Creed:

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Prayer: **The Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity.**

O God the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

Second and Third Collects for Evensong.

Hymn

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Prayer:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments in all her dominions, and all who are set in authority under her that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness, and peace, to the honour of thy holy name, and the good of thy church and people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign, and her dominions, that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessities, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O Lord, who is ever willing to hear the prayers of thy faithful people, let us commend to thy unfailling love all those who have been injured or who have died by accident on the neighbouring road. And we pray that we who journey the paths of life may share with them in thy eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Sprinting from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage:
Grace which, like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
Light by night and shade by day;
Daily on the manna feeding
Which he gives them when they pray.

Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know.

The Address:
by the Right Reverend Anthony Tremlett, Bishop of Dover.

Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sign,
My God and King!
The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out,
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Prayer:

O Lord, who hast given us the renewed opportunity to enjoy the quietness of the countryside and the comradeship of community within the village, waken our minds to the benefits we enjoy so that we reach out to one another in Christian love and resolve for the furtherment of thy kingdom; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that thy family may walk in the ways of salvation, and, by following the counsels of St. John the Baptist, may come in safety unto him whom he preached, thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God world without end.
Amen.

The Blessing
by the Lord Bishop.

V. Let us go forth in peace.
R. In the name of the Lord. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us.
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

