CHELSEA OLD CHURCH



MATTINS for Christmas Day 2020

Introit Good Christian men rejoice! trad. (arr. Stainer)

Hymn 53 Hark! The herald angels sing

Invitation, Confession, Absolution, Lord's Prayer

Responses (sung by the choir) William Smith (1603-1645)

Venite, exultemus Domino

Psalm 95

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

- 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 prepared the dry land.
- 6. O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before 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. Amen.

Psalm 96

Cantate Domino

- O SING unto the Lord a new song : sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name: be telling of his salvation from day to day.
- 3. Declare his honour unto the heathen : and his wonders unto all people.
- 4. For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised : he is more to be feared than all gods.

- 5. As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols: but it is the Lord that made the heavens.
- 6. Glory and worship are before him: power and honour are in his sanctuary.
- 7. Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people : ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.
- 8. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name : bring presents, and come into his courts.
- 9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 10. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved; and how that he shall judge the people righteously.
- 11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad: let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.
- 12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.
- 13. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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

Te Deum in C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-

1924)

Second Lesson

All sing:

Jubilate Deo

Psalm 100

O BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

- 2. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
- 4. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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, Lesser Litany and Responses

Anthem Hodie Christus natus est Francis Poulenc (1889-1963)

Today Christ is born: today the Saviour appeared: today on earth the angels sing, archangels rejoice: today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

Prayers

Hymn 45 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

Homily Mr Timothy Gee, Lay Reader

Hymn 62 O come all ye faithful (omit *)

Blessing

Voluntary Toccata (Symphonie V) Ch-M. Widor (1844-1937)