

for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. ¹⁰Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in my wrath I struck you down, but in my favour I have had mercy on you. ¹¹Your gates shall always be open; day and night they shall not be shut, so that nations shall bring you their wealth, with their kings led in procession. ¹²For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste. ¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will glorify where my feet rest. ¹⁴The descendants of those who oppressed you shall come bending low to you, and all who despised you shall bow down at your feet; they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, with no one passing through, I will make you majestic for ever, a joy from age to age. ¹⁶You shall suck the milk of nations, you shall suck the breasts of kings; and you shall know that I, the Lord, am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. ¹⁷Instead of bronze I will bring gold, instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will appoint Peace as your overseer and Righteousness as your taskmaster. ¹⁸Violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. ¹⁹The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. ²⁰Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. ²¹Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land for ever. They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands, so that I might be glorified. ²²The least of them shall become a clan, and the smallest one a mighty nation; I am the Lord; in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Magnificat **St. Luke 1.46–55** *§ all stand* *- sung by the choir*
Setting: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G - HERBERT W. SUMSION (1899–1995)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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. Mark 2.1–12** *§ all are seated* *- read by a Lector*
When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ²So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. ³Then some people came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. ⁴And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’ ⁶Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷‘Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ ⁸At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk?”’ ¹⁰But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’ — he said to the paralytic — ¹¹‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.’ ¹²And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

Nunc Dimittis **St. Luke 2.29–32** *§ all stand* *- sung by the choir*
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.

Apostles' Creed *§ all face the altar* *- said by all*
Priest I believe in God,
All **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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; ⁂The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Dersicles and Lesser Litany *§ congregation kneels, the choir standing*
Priest The Lord be with you.
Choir *And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer *- sung by the choir* *Setting: ROBERT STONE (1516–1613)*
Choir *Our Father which art in heav'n, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heav'n. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Suffrages
Priest O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*
O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make they chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

First Collect *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*
Priest O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion; that they who do lean only upon the hope of thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by thy mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Second Collect *for Peace*
Priest O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

Third Collect *for Aid against all Perils*
Priest Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.* *§ all are seated*

Anthem *wBlessed be the God and Father*
Text: 1 Peter 1.3–5, 15–17, 22–25; *Music:* SAMUEL SEBASTIAN WESLEY (1810–1876)
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten to us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heav'n for you who are kept by the power of God; through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that ye love one another. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God; for all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Prayer *for the Queen and the Commonwealth* *§ all kneel*
Reader Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, the Parliaments of the Commonwealth, 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.*

Prayer *for the Clergy and People*
All **Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Prayer *at Eventide*
All **O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

§ During the hymn following, a collection will be taken.

Hymn *God, that madest earth and heaven* *§ stand* AR HYD Y NOS 84 84 88 84
The New English Hymnal - Words: Vs. 1: REGINALD HEBER (1783–1826), Vs. 2: RICHARD WHATELY (1787–1863)
Music: Welsh Traditional Melody, *Harm.* RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)



- God, that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light; who the day for toil hast given, for rest the night; may thine angel-guards defend us, slumber sweet thy mercy send us; holy dreams and hopes attend us, all through the night.**
- Guard us waking, guard us sleeping, and, when we die, may we in thy mighty keeping all peaceful lie: when the last dread call shall wake us, do not thou our God forsake us, but to reign in glory take us with thee on high.**

Offertory Sentence
Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.
All **And of thine own have we given thee.**

Prayer *a General Thanksgiving* *§ all kneel*
All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us and to all people; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we show forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; By giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**