This Sunday, the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation, brings us a new sermon titled “In and Out of the Wilderness,” which was recorded on Thursday, February 18th.

The remainder of the service is being re-broadcast from previous services.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Please rise in body or in heart

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Call to Worship and Greeting

The Dean: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you.
The Dean: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Introit

Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:
et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.

Psalm 145:15
Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Kyrie from Missa tertia 1944

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

The Dean: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
All: Thanks be to God.

Lesson Genesis 9:8–17

Lector: A lesson from the Book of Genesis, chapter 9, verses 8–17:

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem Kyrie, from Mass in E-flat major (Cantus Missae) Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy,
Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy,
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Lesson 1 Peter 3:18–22

Lector: A lesson from the first epistle of St. Peter, chapter 3, verses 18–22:

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Psalm 25:1–10

The antiphon is sung twice, first by choir alone, and then by choir and congregation.

ณ Antiphon (sung by all)

Lord, make me to know your ways. Lead me in your truth, and teach me.

Cantor: To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

People: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Cantor: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.

Cantor: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

People: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Cantor: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!

People: Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Cantor: He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees. ♪

★ Gloria Patri from “Magnificat: Westminster Service”  
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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.

★ Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9–15

Lector: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, chapter 1, verses 9–15:

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.
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Sermon

“In and Out of the Wilderness”

The Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell
Minister for Visitation

* Hymn 142

If thou but suffer God to guide thee

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Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Response from “Were you there? 

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? 
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? 
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. 
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
At the Offertory
Sing and Ponder


Pange lingua gloriosi
praelium certaminis
et super crucis trophaeum
Dic triumphum nobilem
Qualiter Redemptor orbis
Immolatus vicerit.

[A poetic translation of the above; sung during the course of the anthem:]

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle
Sing the ending of the fray
Now above the cross, the trophy –
Sound the loud triumphant lay
Tell how Christ, the world’s redeemer
As a victim won the day.

Ah, Jesus, I will ponder now
On your holy Passion.

Chorale: Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein
Let your Spirit now endow me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain, and death, that I may not perish.
May I give you love for love; ponder well the story
That I may in heaven above, sing your praise and glory.

*Presentation of the Gifts (sung by all)*

Picardy

Un-to God be praise and glory: to the Fa-ther and the Son,
to th’e-ter-nal Spir-it hon-or now and ev-er-more be done;
praise and glo-ry in the high-est, while un-end-ing a-ges run.
Lord, who throughout these forty days

1. Lord, who throughout these forty days for
2. As thou with Satan didst contend, and
3. As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so
4. And through these days of penitence, and
5. Abide with us, that so, this life of

us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to
didst the victory win, O give us strength in

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and at my departing.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

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Benediction

Response

God be in my head

arr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding. God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking. God be in my heart and in my thinking.

Old English Prayer from Sarum Primer

Postlude

Fugue in D minor, from Op. 65/6

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

The preacher is the Reverend Dr. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Minister for Visitation.
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We thank you for joining us virtually this morning for worship and hope that you have found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Marsh Chapel, or have other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Chaplains or Associates listed below.

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