

# **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

## **26<sup>th</sup> April 2026 9:30am Choral Mattins**

*Responses: Cleobury*

*Canticles: Morning Service with Fauxbourdon Kirk*

*Anthem: Sancta Maria Dunstable*

*Voluntary: Choral Prelude, Vater unser im Himmelreich - D, Buxtehude 1637-1707*

### Office Hymn 233

**Glory to thee, who safe hast kept  
And hast refreshed me whilst I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake  
I may of endless light partake.**

**Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart,  
And with the angels bear thy part,  
Who all night long unwearied sing  
High praise to the eternal King.**

**Lord, I my vows to thee renew;  
Scatter my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with thyself my spirit fill.**

**Direct, control, suggest, this day  
All I design, or do, or say;  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In thy sole glory may unite.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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## Psalm 106.6-24

We have sinned with our fathers :

we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance :

but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake :

that he might make his power to be known.

He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up :

so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

And he saved them from the adversary's hand :

and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them :

there was not one of them left.

Then believed they his words :

and sang praise unto him.

But within a while they forgat his works :

and would not abide his counsel.

But lust came upon them in the wilderness :

and they tempted God in the desert.

And he gave them their desire :

and sent leanness withal into their soul.

They angered Moses also in the tents :

and Aaron the saint of the Lord.

So the earth opened, and swallowed up Dathan :

and covered the congregation of Abiram.

And the fire was kindled in their company :

the flame burnt up the ungodly.

They made a calf in Horeb :

and worshipped the molten image.

Thus they turned their glory :

into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

And they forgat God their Saviour :

who had done so great things in Egypt;

Wondrous works in the land of Ham :

and fearful things by the Red sea.

So he said, he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the gap :

to turn away his wrathful indignation, lest he should destroy them.

Yea, they thought scorn of that pleasant land :

and gave no credence unto his word;

## **Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 9.6-9, 10b-15**

And Ezra said: 'You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you. You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham; and you found his heart faithful before you, and made with him a covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite; and you have fulfilled your promise, for you are righteous.

'And you saw the distress of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea.

'You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day. And you divided the sea before them, so that they passed through the sea on dry land, but you threw their pursuers into the depths, like a stone into mighty waters. Moreover, you led them by day with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a pillar of fire, to give them light on the way in which they should go. You came down also upon Mount Sinai, and spoke with them from heaven, and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and you made known your holy sabbath to them and gave them commandments and statutes and a law through your servant Moses. For their hunger you gave them bread from heaven, and for their thirst you brought water for them out of the rock, and you told them to go in to possess the land that you swore to give them.

## **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 10.1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Collect:**

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth,  
to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness;  
Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus  
Christ.  
Amen.