NONES

Sunday 25 April 2021 - 3rd Sunday after Easter and the Feast of St Mark

Processional "Salve festa dies" Hail, thee Festival Day

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gPCwhyYvUPc

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Silence

Main Reader
This is God's Court, the place of peace and rest.

The poor with Solomon's own wealth are blest.

Main Reader Our hearts were made for God and they are restless until they rest in Him.

[St. Augustine of Hippo] Oh God come to our aid.

All Oh Lord make haste to help us.

Main Reader

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen."

Hymn

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JU-tCzxbBPc

(this version has some extra verses between 1 and 2)

- 1. We love the place, O God, Wherein Thine honour dwells; The joy of Thine abode All earthly joy excels.
- 3. We love to sing below
 For mercies freely given,
 But O, we long to know
 The triumph song of heaven.
- 2. We love the word of life,
 The word that tells of peace,
 Of comfort in the strife,
 And joys that never cease.
- 4. Lord Jesus, give us grace
 On earth to love Thee more,
 In heaven to see Thy face
 And with Thy saints adore.

All ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

All sit

Isaiah 62.6-12

All stand

(These following Psalms (126,127) were said at the first Nones, May 1998, and thereafter always repeated.)

Main Reader Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

All Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

Main Reader When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion,

we were like them that dream.

All Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing:

Main Reader Then said they among the heathen,

the Lord hath done great things for them.

All The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

Main Reader Turn again our captivity, O Lord, as the streams in the south.

All They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and

weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with

rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Main Reader Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

All Except the Lord keep the city the watchman waketh but in vain.

All ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

Hymn - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WrBS1hM5xRk

- 1. The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now:
 A royal diadem adorns
 The mighty victor's brow.
- 2. The highest place that Heaven affords Is His, is His by right,
 The King of kings and Lord of lords
 And Heaven's eternal light.
- 3. The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below, To whom He manifests His love, And grants His name to know.

- 4. To them the Cross with all its shame With all its grace is given: Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of Heaven.
- 5. They suffer with their Lord below They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The mystery of His love.
- 6. The Cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him; His people's hope, His people's Their everlasting theme.

All sit

Acts 4.8-12

All stand

Main Reader The Lord is my portion and cup, it is Thou who mark out my lot. Lord God who called our forefathers to the admirable light of the Gospel through the preaching of the founder, Gilbert the Norman, and Canons of St. Mary's Priory, Merton, grant that by their intercession we may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen."

All God of power and love, look kindly on the tasks we have begun, and at this afternoon hour renew Thy grace within us, make good our defects and bring our work to that fulfilment which accords with Thy will; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All sit

Psalm 125

Hymn - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WnWtrFMdzc

- 1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds In a believer's ear! It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds And drives away his fear.
- 3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, My shield and hiding-place, My never-failing treasury filled With boundless stores of grace.
- 5. Weak is the effort of my heart, And cold my warmest thought; But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

- 2. It makes the wounded spirit whole And calms the troubled breast; 'Tis manna to the hungry soul, And to the weary rest.
- 4. Jesus! My Shepherd, Husband, Friend, . My Prophet, Priest, and King, My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Accept the praise I bring.

(John Newton 1725-1807)

All stand

John 15.1-11

Hymn https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HPKL1wOVXk

- 1. Come down, O Love, divine,
 Seek Thou this soul of mine
 And visit it with thine own ardour glowing
 O Comforter, draw near,
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2. O let it freely burn
 Till earthly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let Thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become my inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

(15th century hymn to a tune by R. Vaughan Williams)

The Blessing

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

[Hebrews 13 v. 20-21.]

Remembering Lionel Green, Sr Mary Kitchingham (Sister of the Holy Family), Rev. Ernest Chapman (Church of Scotland), Tom Newman (St. Leonard's, Sherfield-on-Loddon) and Robert Millar. All were supporters of this service.

This is the 24th Nones since the Dissolution said (formerly in the Chapter House ruins) in memory of the Canons of Merton Priory. 3pm Sunday 25th April 2021. This Nones will be said at "daughter" priories, churches dedicated to St Thomas a Becket, Augustinian foundations and many of the churches originally cared for by Merton Priory.

N.B. "Salve festa dies" was sung at the first Nones, 3rd May 1117.

This verse is to be remembered at every Nones - Micah 6 v.8 "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."