



Farewell Service
for The Venerable Gavin Collins
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All Saints' Chapel, Bishopsgrrove

A Service of the Word

Bishop Christopher welcomes the congregation and introduces the service

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.

Your word calls forth the dusk of evening.

Your wisdom creates both night and day.

You determine the cycles of time.

You arrange the succession of seasons
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

Lord of the starry hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

**Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes
evening fall.**

Hymn – God is working his purpose out

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,
by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.'

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

All

**God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people new life in the water
of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Psalm 33

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, ♦
for it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the lyre; ♦
on the ten-stringed harp sing his praise.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; ♦
play skilfully, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true ♦
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; ♦
the earth is full of the loving-kindness of the Lord. **R**
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦
and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the sea as in a waterskin ♦
and lays up the deep in his treasury.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; ♦
stand in awe of him, all who dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done; ♦
he commanded, and it stood fast. **R**
- 10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; ♦
he frustrates the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦
and the designs of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦
and the people he has chosen for his own. **R**
- 13 The Lord looks down from heaven ♦
and beholds all the children of earth.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them ♦
and understands all their works.
- 16 No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦
no warrior delivered by his great strength.
- 17 A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦
for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

- 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him, ♦
on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,
- 19 To deliver their soul from death ♦
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦
in his holy name have we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦
as we have set our hope on you.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now:
and shall be for ever. Amen**

First Reading

Mark 14.32-38 read by the Revd Jane Ball, Area Dean of Petersfield

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

All **Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

God's salvation has been openly shown to all people.

All **The glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

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

All **Arise, shine, for your light has come;
the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 10.16-25 read by Canon Hilary Spurgeon, Sub-Warden of Readers

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Venerable Gavin Collins

The Creed

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All **With the help of God, I will.**

All Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
With the help of God, I will.

All Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
With the help of God, I will

Prayers of Intercession

led by the Archdeacons of the Isle of Wight and of Portsdown

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Hymn: To God be the glory

To God be the glory! great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son:
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! etc.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are invited to remain after the service for an informal farewell to Gavin and Christina

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