Welcome to our Tuesday evening choral worship – as we can’t meet physically, we thought that we would put together a ‘virtual’ service following the normal pattern of our Tuesday evening choral worship. There are three elements to this service. The first is this service sheet – it gives you the order of the service, encourages you to ‘join in’ at various points, and gives you the words to hymns and choral pieces. The second is a choral playlist put together by our Director of Music, Peter Asprey – if you follow the service sheet, it will tell you when to play each piece (and each piece in the playlist is numbered in the service sheet). Finally, the sermon can be found online on our Tuesday services page, hsl.church/tuesday

1) introit
   a sung opening prayer
   (you may want to simply listen and pray as you do)

The Lent Prose

Refrain:
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
for we have sinned against thee.

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
   lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.  (Refrain)

O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
   way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.  (Refrain)

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
   bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.  (Refrain)
Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution. (Refrain)

Innocent captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer. (Refrain)

2) Hymn
(Do join in and sing along!)
Drop, Drop Slow Tears (82)

1. Drop, drop, slow tears,
   and bathe those beauteous feet,
   which brought from heaven
   the news and Prince of Peace.

2. Cease not, wet eyes,
   his mercies to entreat;
   to cry for vengeance
   sin doth never cease.

3. In your deep floods
   drown all my faults and fears;
   nor let his eye
   see sin, but through my tears.

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Prayer of confession

Take a moment to think of anything that you know you need to ask God’s forgiveness for,
remembering that “if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins, and
purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1v8). Then use the following prayer of confession to ask
for that forgiveness:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.
3) ‘preces’

short sung responsive prayers
Sung by the Choir to a setting by William Smith

4) psalm 64

1. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2. Hide me from the gathering together of the froward, and from the insurrection of wicked doers;
3. Who have whet their tongue like a sword, and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;
4. That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect: suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.
5. They encourage themselves in mischief, and commune among themselves, how they may lay snares; and say, that no man shall see them.
6. They imagine wickedness, and practise it; that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.
7. But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow, that they shall be wounded.
8. Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall; insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.
9. And all men that see it shall say, this hath God done; for they shall perceive that it is his work.
10. The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him; and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

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.

first reading
John 11:17-27

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. 18 Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.
“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”
Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”
Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”
5) ‘the Magnificat’ (Luke 1:46-55)
Sung by the Choir to the ‘Dorian’ mode setting by Thomas Tallis

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour. For he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty has magnified me and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He has showed strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their seat and exalted the humble and meek. He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent empty away. He remembering his mercy has helped his servant Israel. As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

second reading
John 11:38-44

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said.
“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”
Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”
So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”
When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.
Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

6) Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29-32)
Sung by the Choir to the ‘Dorian’ mode setting by Thomas Tallis

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.

Creed

‘Creed’ comes from the Latin word ‘credo’, which means ‘I believe’ – it is a statement of what we as Christians believe that has been used for over 1500 years. Use the creed to remind yourself and declare your beliefs – if you can say it out loud.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again: He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: and he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit: The holy catholic church; the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.
7) responses and collect
short sung responsive prayers
Sung by the Choir to a setting by William Smith

Sermon
Please listen or download the sermon at hsl.church/Tuesday

8) anthem
Piece A by Composer B, sung by # choir
Lamentations of Jeremiah I, Thomas Tallis

Incipit lamentatio Ieremiae prophetæ.

Here begins the lamentation of Jeremiah the prophet.

ALEPH. Quomodo sedet sola civitas plena populo! Facta est quasi vidua domina gentium; prínceps provinciarum facta est sub tributo.

A. How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow has she become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the cities has become a vassal.

sacerdotes ejus gementes. Virgines ejus squalidae, et ipsa oppressa amaritudine.

lie in ruins, and her priests cry in sorrow. Her virgin daughters are defiled, and she is crushed with bitterness.

HE. Facti sunt hostes ejus in capite, inimici ejus locupletati sunt; quia Dominus locutus est super eam propter multitudinem iniquitatum ejus. Parvuli ejus ducti sunt in captivitatem ante faciem tribulantis.

E. Her enemies lord over her, and her foes multiply; because the Lord has spoken out against her on account of her many sins. Her children are led away captive while she looks on in distress.

Ierusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

Jerusalem, turn again to the Lord your God.
prayers of intercession

Take some time to pray for the church, the city, and the world in whatever way you would like. Draw your prayers to a close using the two prayers about the Coronavirus situation below, if you feel comfortable doing so, pray them outloud:

Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

9) hymn

(do join in and sing along!)

Glory to Thee, My God, the Night (244) Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

1. Glory to thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light; Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, Beneath thy own almighty wings.

2. Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done, That with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

3. Teach me to live, that I may dread The grave as little as my bed; Teach me to die, that so I may Rise glorious at the aweful day.

4. O may my soul on thee repose, And with sweet sleep my eyelids close, Sleep that may me more vigorous make To serve my God when I awake.

5. 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.
Closing blessing

This is the closing prayer of blessing that one of the clergy prays over the congregation every week. We cannot be with you to pray it now – but it is still our prayer for you:

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

10) organ voluntary

Master Tallis’ Testament, Herbert Howells