



**ALL SAINTS  
KINGSTON**

## 11am Choral Matins

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
14 June 2026

Welcome to Choral Matins. The Revd Michael Stokes is officiating today.

The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

**Hymns**            486            We have a gospel to proclaim  
                             205            Christ is made the sure foundation

**Responses**        Gibbons/Barnard

**Canticles**            Howells *Collegium Regale*

**Psalm** 45

- 1 My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
- 2 My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.
- 3 Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 4 Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.
- 5 Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- 6 Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.
- 7 Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
- 8 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 9 All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

- 10 Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.
- 11 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
- 12 So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
- 13 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.
- 14 The King's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.
- 15 She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.
- 16 With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King's palace.
- 17 Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
- 18 I will remember thy Name from one generation to another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

## **Readings**

### **Deuteronomy 10: 12 – 11: 1**

So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

You shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

### **Acts 23: 12-end**

In the morning the Jews joined in a conspiracy and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. There were more than forty who

joined in this conspiracy. They went to the chief priests and elders and said, 'We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food until we have killed Paul. Now then, you and the council must notify the tribune to bring him down to you, on the pretext that you want to make a more thorough examination of his case. And we are ready to do away with him before he arrives.'

Now the son of Paul's sister heard about the ambush; so he went and gained entrance to the barracks and told Paul. Paul called one of the centurions and said, 'Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to report to him.' So he took him, brought him to the tribune, and said, 'The prisoner Paul called me and asked me to bring this young man to you; he has something to tell you.' The tribune took him by the hand, drew him aside privately, and asked, 'What is it that you have to report to me?' He answered, 'The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more thoroughly into his case. But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him. They have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink until they kill him. They are ready now and are waiting for your consent.' So the tribune dismissed the young man, ordering him, 'Tell no one that you have informed me of this.'

Then he summoned two of the centurions and said, 'Get ready to leave by nine o'clock tonight for Caesarea with two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen. Also provide mounts for Paul to ride, and take him safely to Felix the governor.' He wrote a letter to this effect:

'Claudius Lysias to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them, but when I had learned that he was a Roman citizen, I came with the guard and rescued him. Since I wanted to know the charge for which they accused him, I had him brought to their council. I found that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but was charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. When I was informed that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.'

So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him during the night to Antipatris. The next day they let the horsemen go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. When they came to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. On reading the letter, he asked what province he belonged to, and when he learned that he was from Cilicia, he said, 'I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive.' Then he ordered that he be kept under guard in Herod's headquarters.

## **Collect**

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Anthem

Harris *Faire is the Heaven*

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place

In full enjoyment of felicitie;

Whence they do still behold the glorious face

Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;

Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins

Which all with golden wings are overdight.

And those eternall burning Seraphins

Which from their faces dart out fiery light;

Yet fairer than they both and much more bright

Be the Angels and Archangels

Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end.

These then in faire each other farre excelling

As to the Highest they approach more neare,

Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling

Fairer than all the rest which there appeare

Though all their beauties joynd together were;

How then can mortal tongue hope to expresse

The image of such endlesse perfectnesse?

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