

Kyrie III

LENT PREFACE

The other day I was quoting partly from a book, 'Guilty O Lord' which I'd like to go back to today. The author, Fr Bernard Bassett, is a fan of GK Chesterton, the English writer who is now having a bit of a revival in fashion (there've been a couple of programmes about him on RTK recently too). He says of him that 'the charm of Chesterton's optimism lies in his forthright acceptance of sin. He was humble enough not to be surprised by his weakness or to attribute the blame to other agencies. We often attempt this. We complain about our heredity, environment, teachers, clergy, doctors, even our psychiatrists. Chesterton was very happy to blame only himself. His preoccupation was with the fall of man and the challenge behind it, leading to a second Adam, the Son of God made man. From Chesterton's book 'Orthodoxy', the following:

QQ. Bassett 'Guilty O Lord' p 58f

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A prayer in music now, the 2nd of Poulenc's 4 penitential motets: *Vinea non elata*

MUSIC: PRAYERS.

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