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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 17 January 2016

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Alexander Hamilton

(Trinity College; Winner of the 2015 Northern Ireland International Organ Competition)

Präludium in C (Böhm)

Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich, BWV 605 (Bach)

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614 (Bach)

Präludium, Fuge und Postludium in g (Böhm)

Herzlich tut mich erfreuen (Brahms)

The Holy Boy (Ireland)

Con moto maestoso from Sonata No. 3 in A, Op. 65, (Mendelssohn)

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge

Please ensure that all electronic devices, including cameras, are switched off

The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel. The opening hymn will follow unannounced.

HYMN

NEH 52 WAS LEBET

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–75) Music: from Rheinhardt MS (1754)

The minister reads

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

All say, kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways

like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices

and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;

and we have done those things

which we ought not to have done;

and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare thou them, O God,

which confess their faults.

Restore thou them that are penitent;

according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;

that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,

to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

The minister then says the ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of

their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

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O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The congregation sits for PSALM 89: 1–9

- My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord: with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.
- For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever: thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
- I have made a covenant with my chosen: I have sworn unto David my servant;
- Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
- O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works: and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
- For who is he among the clouds: that shall be compared unto the Lord?
- And what is he among the gods: that shall be like unto the Lord?
- God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints: and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
- O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee: thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.

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.

The FIRST LESSON is read

A reading from the Book of Esther.

When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; And came even before the king's gate: for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which was before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or women, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.

Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Esther 4

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Perpulchrum septimi toni

Lassus

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke.

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Luke 1: 46-56

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Tone I Plainsong

All turn East and say THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholick Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

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O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit for the ANTHEM

Wo ist der neugeborne König (from Christus, Op. 97)

Da Jesus geboren ward zu Bethlehem im jüdischen Lande, da kamen die Weisen vom Morgenlande gen Jerusalem und beteten ihn an.

Wo ist der neugeborne König der Juden? Wir haben seinen Stern gesehen und sind gekommen, ihn anzubeten.

Es wird ein Stern aus Jacob aufgehn und ein Scepter aus Israel kommen; und wird zerschmettern Fürsten und Städte.

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern!
O welch' ein Glanz geht auf vom Herrn,
uns Licht und Trost zu geben!
Dein Wort, Jesu, ist die Klarheit,
führt zur Wahrheit und zum Leben.
Wer kann dich genug erheben?

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea; Behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:

Where is he that is born King of Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

There shall a Star from Jacob come forth, and a Sceptre from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams, So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams Of light and consolation! Thy Word, Jesus, radiance darting, Truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

Words: Christian Charles Josias von Bunsen (1791–1860) based on Matthew 2 Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

THE ADDRESS

Scenes from the Old Testament: The Banquet of Esther and Ahasuerus

The Right Reverend Libby Lane
The Bishop of Stockport

Jan Victors (1619–76), *The Banquet of Esther and Ahasuerus* (1640s), Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister, Kassel

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The Banquet of Esther and Ahasuerus - WGA25059.jpg

NEH 377 ST DENIO

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908) Music: Welsh melody, adapted John Roberts (1822–77)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in d, BuxWV 155 Buxtehude

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Orlando di Lassus was a Franco-Flemish composer of the late Renaissance. He is today considered to be the chief representative of the mature polyphonic style of the Franco-Flemish school, and one of the most famous and influential musicians in Europe at the end of the 16th century. His output includes a huge number of settings of the Magnificat, this one is based on the seventh plainsong tone and is aptly written for seven voices.

Felix Mendelssohn was a composer of the early romantic period, but took much inspiration from the works of J.S. Bach, particularly in his oratorios. He wrote two large scale oratorios, St Paul and Elijah, and fragments of an unfinished oratorio were collated and titled *Christus* by the composer's brother after his death. The music sung tonight is a selection of the only finished fragments of the work. The completed portions include a tenor recitative relating Christ's birth, a TBB chorus 'Where is the newborn King', and the well-known SATB chorus 'There shall a star from Jacob shine forth' using Philipp Nicolai's chorale 'Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern'.

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British Red Cross European Refugee Crisis Appeal

working around the clock to support hundreds of thousands of refugees as they attempt to reach safety. www.redcross.org.uk/RefugeeCrisisHero

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Professor Christopher Rowland, Emeritus Dean Ireland's Professor Exegesis of Holy Scripture, will be speaking on Daniel in Babylon in our series 'People of the New Testament'.

The texts of this term's sermons may be found on the Chapel website.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 20 January • 9.30 pm

Sung Compline by Candlelight

followed by drinks in the Ante-Chapel

EVENTS THIS WEEK

All members of the College community are welcome at the following events

Women's Bible Study: Heroines, Tricksters, and Temptresses–Women of Valour and Faith in the Old Testament

Sunday • 4.30–5.30 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

Join us for afternoon tea as we reflect on the lives of key women in the Old Testament. Led by Olga Fabrikantova (Ridley Hall).

The Philosophy of Life and Death

Tuesday • 9.15–10.15 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

Excerpts from Adam Phillips' book Darwin's Worms will be the basis for discussion. Phillips is a psychoanalyst and philosopher who reads Darwin and Freud for insights on the 'well-lived life'. Books will be available to collect in the first week of term and are free for those attending.

19 & 26 January • Andrew

Chaplains' Tea

Thursday • 4.00–5.00 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

Take a break and enjoy tea, cake and conversation.

Weekly, 21 January to 3 March • Andrew