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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 22 January 2017

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Michael Fulcher Christ Church, South Yarra

Hymnus de Nativitate Christi – A solis ortus cardine (Scheidt)

Passacaglia in d, BuxWV 161 (Buxtehude)

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733 (Bach)

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

For those who wish to use them, copies of The New English Hymnal melody edition are available in the stalls The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel. The opening hymn follows unannounced.

HYMN NEH 393

Mannheim

Words: James Edmeston (1791–1867) Music: melody from Friedrich Filitz's 'Choralbuch' (1847) harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

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.

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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.

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.**

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 Lord's name be praised.

The congregation sits for PSALM 108

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness: I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine: Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot: over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city: and who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God: and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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 Ecclesiastes.

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni Palestrina

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. 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 seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. 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.

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1 Peter 1: 3–12

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Tone I Plainsong

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. 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.

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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

Videntes stellam (from Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël, 1951)

Videntes stellam Magi gavisi sunt gaudio magno: et intrantes domum obtulerunt Domino aurum, thus et myrrham.

When they saw the star the Wise Men were filled with a great joy and they went into the house. There to the Lord they offered gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Words: Matthew 2 vv. 10–11 Music: Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

THE ADDRESS

The Seven Sacraments - Marriage

The Reverend Professor Michael Reiss Professor of Science Education, Institute of Education, University College of London

All stand for the HYMN

CP 453

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess; please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E_b, 'St Anne', BWV 552

Bach

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina was an Italian Renaissance composer of sacred music and the best known 16th-century representative of the Roman School of musical composition. He had a lasting influence on the development of church music, and his work has often been seen as the culmination of Renaissance polyphony. Palestrina wrote at least 35 settings of the Magnificat during his lifetime, separated into three volumes. The *Magnificat primitoni* for 8 voices comes from the third of these.

Tonight's anthem is the third of Poulenc's *Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël*, a set of four unaccompanied Christmas motets. Having sung of the Virgin Mary and Shepherds in the first and second motets, *Videntes stellam* depicts the joy of the Wise Men as the star leads them to the infant King. Punctuated by the still, triadic refrain of 'Videntes stellam', the light of the star remains constant throughout, even when the Magi enter the stable and present their gifts. Here, the musical climax bursts with their excitement and joy, only to be instantly contrasted with the star that shines on outside, undisturbed.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Reverend Anna Matthews, Vicar of St Bene't's Cambridge and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, will be speaking on *Holy Orders* in our series The Seven Sacraments.

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

www.trinitycollegechapel.com

THIS TERM'S CHARITABLE CAUSES

AMAR Foundation

AMAR works in the Middle East, building and improving the lives and livelihoods of some of the world's poorest and most disadvantaged people.

www.amarfoundation.org

Cancer Research UK

CRUK want survival in the UK to be among the best in the world by working to help prevent cancer, diagnose it earlier, develop new treatments and optimise current treatments.

www.cancerresearchuk.org

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Sunday • 4.30–5.30 pm • M6 Blue Boar

Women's Bible Study

Join us for tea and cake as we explore the season of Lent through texts from the letter to the Philippians and from Matthew's Gospel. Kirsty (kr421)

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 8 March • from 5.00 pm

Hooper Declamation Prize

A College public speaking competition open to all students. Entrants declaim for 20 minutes in the Chapel on a topic of political and philosophical significance. Topics available on request from Andrew (adb69)

28 March to 2 April • Hilfield Friary, Dorset

Study Retreat

An opportunity to escape Cambridge for some quiet time at an idyllic countryside retreat. Email Andrew for further information (adb69)

10-17 December 2017

Winter Getaway to the Holy Land

Travel with us to the Holy Land and let the Bible come alive as we visit the places of the gospel stories. Full-board, sharing twin rooms with private facilities; touring by air-conditioned coach accompanied by a local guide. Contact Kirsty for more details (kr421).