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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 12 February 2017

The Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)

## ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Jonathan Rennert *London* 

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686 (Bach)

Pastoral from Sonata No. 20 in F (Rheinberger)

Toccata in d, 'The Dorian', BWV 538 (Bach)

Finale from Sonata No. 1 in G (Gray)

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 will follow unannounced.

**HYMN** NEH 137

DOWN AMPNEY

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434) trans. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833–90) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958) CCLI Licence No. 808452

## 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.** 

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 67

God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God: let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us: and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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 Isaiah.

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee:

I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Isaiah 43: 1–7

## All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

Tavener

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 St Paul to the Corinthians.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-13

## All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Bednall

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.

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

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. 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

When David heard

When David heard that Absalom was slain He went up into his chamber over the gate and wept, And thus he said: my son, my son, O Absalom my son, Would God I had died for thee!

Words: 2 Samuel 18 v. 33 Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)

#### THE ADDRESS

The Seven Sacraments - Confirmation

The Right Reverend Stephen Conway Bishop of Ely

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 486 FULDA

Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938) Music: William Gardiner (1770–1853)

#### THE BLESSING

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

#### **VOLUNTARY**

Litanies, JA 119

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## THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tavener's 'Collegium Regale' Service was written in 1986 for King's College, Cambridge. This is one of the more unusual settings of the canticles, employing a melody with a drone in the Greek style. Tavener has inserted an Orthodox *troparion* (short hymn) to the Mother of God at intervals throughout the traditional Magnificat text. The Magnificat melody remains simple throughout, but the harmony created by the other voice parts grows increasingly rich and colourful throughout the piece.

The Finzi Trust invited David Bednall to compose tonight's Nunc dimittis as a companion piece to Finzi's Magnficat, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composer's death. The work premiered at the 2016 Gloucester Three Choirs Festival, and Bednall commented at the time: 'I'm greatly honoured to be commissioned by the Finzi Trust to write a new Gloria and Nunc dimittis ... Finzi has always been one of my favourite composers so it's wonderful to be asked to do this'.

In tonight's anthem, Weelkes explores the depths of King David's grief upon hearing of the death of his son, Absalom. Weelkes conveys intense emotion through the frequent cries of solitary voice parts and moments of painful dissonance. The piece ends with a subtle shift from minor to major tonality though, which conveys a sense of acceptance, or even hope. Some have suggested that this was one of the many laments dedicated to King James VI's son, Henry Frederick, who tragically died at the age of 18.

## THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

AMAR Foundation www.amarfoundation.org
Cancer Research UK www.cancerresearchuk.org

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER**

The Reverend Ysmena Pentelow, Vicar of St Mary the Virgin Ware, will be speaking on *Baptism* in our series The Seven Sacraments.

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

#### **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 Bible. Kirsty (kr421).

Thursday 16 February • 8.30 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

## Write for Rights

Writing letters as part of Amnesty International's campaign against human rights violations. Coffee and snacks available. Andrew (adb69).

Saturday 18 February

#### Getaway to London: Art in the City

Join a tour of Tate Modern and a visit to St Paul's Cathedral, with the chance to hear the choir at Evensong. Register with Andrew (adb69).

## LOOKING AHEAD

28 March to 2 April • Hilfield Friary, Dorset

#### Study Retreat

An opportunity to escape Cambridge for some quiet time at an idyllic countryside retreat. Andrew (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. Brochures can be picked up from the Ante-Chapel. Kirsty (kr421).