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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 14 May 2017

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Alexander Hamilton & Asher Oliver Trinity College

Toccata and Fugue in D, Op. 59 No. 5 & 6 (Reger) Mein Junges Leben hat ein End' (Sweelinck) Praeludium in a, BuxWV 152 (Buxtehude)

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 390 (t. 128 ii)

GONFALON ROYAL

Words: William Cowper (1731–1800) Music: Percy Buck (1871–1947) 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 73: 1-14

Truly God is loving unto Israel: even unto such as are of a clean heart.

Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt.

And why? I was grieved at the wicked: I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

For they are in no peril of death: but are lusty and strong.

They come in no misfortune like other folk: neither are they plagued like other men.

And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride: and overwhelmed with cruelty.

Their eyes swell with fatness: and they do even what they lust.

They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy: their talking is against the most High.

For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven: and their tongue goeth through the world.

Therefore fall the people unto them: and thereout suck they no small advantage.

Tush, say they, how should God perceive it: is there knowledge in the most High?

Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession: and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency.

All the day long have I been punished: and chastened every morning.

Yea, and I had almost said even as they: but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children.

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 Genesis.

These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2: 4-9

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni Victoria

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 Book of Revelation.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Revelation 21: 1-5

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.

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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

Valiant-for-Truth (1940)

After this it was noised abroad that Mr Valiantfor-Truth was taken with a summons...; and had this for a token that the summons was true, 'That his pitcher was broken at the fountain'. When he understood it, he called for his friends, and told them of it.

Then said he,

'I am going to my Father's,

and though with great difficulty I am got hither, yet now I do not repent me of all the trouble I

have been at to arrive where I am.

My sword, I give to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage,

my pilgrimage, and my courage and skill, to him that can get it. My marks and scars I carry with me,

to be a witness for me, that I have fought his battles, who now will be my rewarder.'

When the day that he must go hence, was come, many accompanied him to the riverside, into which, as he went, he said,

'Death, where is thy sting?'

And as he went down deeper, he said,

'Grave, where is thy victory?'

So he passed over,

and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.

Words: John Bunyan (1628–88) Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE ADDRESS

The Church in the Modern World– The Fate of Place

The Right Reverend Dr John Inge Bishop of Worcester

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 117

ELLACOMBE

Words: St John of Damascus trans. John Mason Neale (1816–66) Music: Mainz 'Gesangbuch' (1833)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess Please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

Buxtehude

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tomás Luis de Victoria was one of the most important composers of the Counter-Reformation, working in Spain and Italy in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. He trained first as a choirboy in Ávila Cathedral before going to Rome in 1565 with a grant from King Philip II. Some have suggested that Victoria trained with Palestrina whilst in Italy; certainly the Spaniard was influenced by Palestrina's style. Standard practice at the time would involve a choir singing a Magnificat with alternating verses of plainchant and polyphony. By contrast, tonight's Magnificat primi toni, written in 1600 reworking an earlier version from 1576, sets all twelve textual verses to polyphonic music. The piece was part of an anthology dedicated to Emperor Philip III, and is written for two four-part choirs. Victoria uses these choirs separately and in combination to create a rich palette of musical textures.

The text of tonight's anthem comes from John Bunyan's *The Pilgrim's Progress*. Although not a religious man, Vaughan Williams found the Christian allegory deeply absorbing, and also based his opera of the same name on it. Vaughan Williams wrote this motet as a memorial to his great friend, Dorothy Longman, who died in 1940. The somberness Vaughan Williams felt in the dark early stages of the war is reflected in the mood of *Valiant for Truth*. However the motet ends on an optimistic and triumphant note, as Mr. Valiant-for-Truth demands 'Death, where is thy Sting?' 'Grave, where is thy Victory?', with the concluding trumpet effects that accompany the welcome of the righteous into heaven.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon. Dr Richard Chartres KCVO, Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal and formerly Bishop of London, will be speaking on *Hope in Christ and the Empire of Things* in our series The Church in the Modern World.

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

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Every day 17 parents in the UK are grief-stricken by the loss of their babies and hundreds more suffer complications and miscarriage of their pregnancy. **Petals** provides a specialised counselling service at Addenbrookes. **www.petalscharity.org**

The UNHCR works to ensure that everyone has the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another country. During times of displacement this United Nations refugee agency provides emergency assistance, and they also arrange support for people who return home or resettle. www.unhcr.org/uk

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday • 8.30 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

Night Muse

Bring a poem or a short story to perform and then discuss. Drinks and snacks provided. Contact Edith Franklin, Chapel Warden, for more information (ef351).

Wednesday • 9.00 pm • Chapel

Nachtmusik

Relaxing music to bring the day to a close. Sung Compline (9.45 pm) and refreshments follow. This week: Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*.

Sunday • 4.30-5.30 pm • M6 Blue Boar

Women's Bible Study

Join us on the journey through the fascinating yet perplexing world of the Old Testament, exploring some of the difficult issues that confront modern readers of these ancient texts. Led by Olga Fabrikantova, ordinand. Contact Kirsty (kr421).