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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 11 June 2017

Trinity Sunday

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Asher Oliver Trinity College

Couplets du Kyrie from *Messe Pour Les Paroisses* (Couperin)

Allegro vivace from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14 (Vierne)

Prélude modal from *Vingt-Quatre Pièces*, Op. 6 No. 1 (Langlais)

Cortège et Litanie, Op. 19 No. 2 (Dupré)

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

This evening we welcome visitors from St Mary's Hitchin, in the Diocese of St Albans

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 159

ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Words: St Patrick (373–466) tr. C.F. Alexander (1818–95) Music: ed. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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

Rose

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 60

- O God, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad: thou hast also been displeased; O turn thee unto us again.
- Thou hast moved the land, and divided it: heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.
- Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things: thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
- Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee: that they may triumph because of the truth.
- Therefore were thy beloved delivered: help me with thy right hand, and hear me.
- God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, 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: Philistia, be thou glad of me.
- Who will lead me into the strong city: who will bring me into Edom?
- Hast not thou cast us out, O God: wilt not thou,

O God, go out with our hosts?

- O be thou our help in trouble: for vain is the help of man.
- Through God will we do great acts: for 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 Genesis.

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

RSV Genesis 3: 6–11, 21

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

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Howells

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 Gospel according to St Matthew.

Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matthew 3: 13-end

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

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Howells

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, 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

Geistliches Lied, Op. 30 (1856)

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille!
Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel, steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt das Beste.
Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Let nothing make you sad or regretful, be still; as God wishes it, let your will accept it.
Why worry today about sorrow tomorrow? There is one who watches over you and gives to you your part.
In all your doings be steadfast, never waver; what God ordains will be, and is the best for you.

Words: Paul Flemming (1609–40) Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

THE ADDRESS

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NEH 413 NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649) trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78) Music: melody from Crüger's 'Praxis Pietatis Melica' (c. 1647) harm. from Mendelssohn's 'Lobgesang' (1840)

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Ite, missa est from Missa de Gloria, Op. 82 Leighton

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

This evening's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was written by Herbert Howells, who composed the canticles for Gloucester Cathedral in 1946. Howells' interest in the English choral tradition was never limited to one era and this breadth is evident in tonight's canticles – whether in the pseudo-monastic unison passage which begins the Magnificat, or in the rich Gloria Patri which concludes each of the pieces.

Geistliches Lied, which translates literally as 'spiritual song', was written in 1856. Brahms was just 23 at the time, and it was his first accompanied choral work. The calmness of the music and primacy given to the text allude to Brahms' Lutheran background – indeed, the title suggests a hymn-like quality. Nonetheless, the music still contains signs of Brahms' mastery of counterpoint: two rounds, or 'canons', exist within the music – one between the sopranos and tenors, the other between the altos and basses. The effect is a deceptively simple and beautiful piece.

THIS TERM'S CHARITABLE CAUSES

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

SINGING ON THE RIVER

Tonight at 8.45 pm the Choir will be giving a concert from punts on the river at Trinity – all are welcome. A collection will be made in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.