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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 25 February 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Ian le Grice

Fantasia in C, BWV 573 (Bach completed by Keller)

Concerto in b (Meck trans. Walther) Allegro – Adagio - Allegro

Intermezzo in d (Gray)

Andante (Fiocco)

Intermezzo founded upon an Irish Air (Stanford)

Alan Gray was a former organist at Trinity College; Charles Stanford was also a former organist at the College and Professor of Music at the University

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 440

LOBE DEN HERREN

Words: Joachim Neander (1650–80) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78) Music: 17th C. German melody harm. Joachim Neander (1650–80)

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

Shephard

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 119: 73–80

- Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
 O give me understanding, that I may learn thy
 commandments.
- They that fear thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in thy word.
- I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right: and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.
- O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to thy word unto thy servant.
- O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for thy law is my delight.
- Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me: but I will be occupied in thy commandments.
- Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies: be turned unto me.
- O let my heart be sound in thy statutes: that I be not ashamed.
- 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.

Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity. And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12: 8-14

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Service in g

Purcell

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.

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Corinthians 1: 17-25

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in g

Purcell

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 God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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

Lo, the full, final sacrifice (1946)

Lo, the full, final sacrifice
On which all figures fix't their eyes.
The ransomed Isaac, and his ram;
The Manna, and the Paschal Lamb.
Jesu Master, just and true!
Our food, and faithful shepherd too!
O let that love which thus makes thee

Mix with our low mortality,
Lift our lean souls, and set us up
Convictors of thine own full cup,
Co-heirs of saints, that so all may
Drink the same wine; and the same way;
Nor change the pasture, but the place
To feed of Thee in thine own face.

O dear memorial of that death Which lives still, and allows us breath! Rich, royal food! Bountiful bread! Whose use denies us to the dead! Live ever, bread of loves, and be My life, my soul, my surer self to me.

Help, Lord, my faith, my hope increase; And fill my portion in thy peace. Give love for life; nor let my days Grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.

Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King Stretch all thy powers; call if you can Harps of heaven to hands of man. This sovereign subject sits above The best ambition of thy love.

Lo the bread of life, this day's Triumphant text provokes thy praise. The living and life-giving bread, To the great twelve distributed When life, himself, at point to die Of love, was his own legacy.

O soft self-wounding Pelican!
Whose breast weeps balm for wounded man.
All this way bend thy benign flood
To a bleeding heart that gasps for blood.
That blood, whose least drops sovereign be
To wash my worlds of sins from me.
Come love! Come Lord! and that long day
For which I languish, come away,
When this dry soul those eyes shall see,
And drink the unseal'd source of thee;
When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase,
And for thy veil give me thy face. Amen.

THE ADDRESS

Faith in Academia

Professor John Lister

Professor of Fluid Dynamics, University of Cambridge & Fellow of Trinity College

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 431 HEREFORD

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

THE BLESSING

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

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The Holocaust Educational Trust www.het.org.uk

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

The circumstance in which Henry Purcell wrote his evening service in G minor is not well understood; it is agreed only that the earliest surviving manuscript dates sometime from the late 18th century. The alternation of full- and semi-chorus sections, as well as the succinct expenditure of the text (in English), was at least typical for the 'everyday services' of Purcell's day. However, the second Gloria Patri is almost certainly a musical anachronism, likely to have been written by the 18th-century composer Thomas Roseingrave; its inclusion more than doubles the length of the Nunc dimittis.

English composer Gerald Finzi wrote Lo, the full, final sacrifice for choir and organ in 1946, and orchestrated it for a performance at the Three Choirs Festival the following year. He was commissioned by the Revd Walter Hussey to write the piece for the 53rd anniversary of the consecration of St Matthew's Church, Northampton. Hussey was a renowned patron for the arts; he also famously commissioned Britten's Rejoice in the Lamb and Bernstein's Chichester Psalms. Finzi's anthem sets two poems by Richard Crashaw, which combine to convey the liturgical drama of the Eucharist. Finzi does much to capture this drama musically, perhaps most notably in the opening, hushed setting of the words 'Lo, the full, final sacrifice'. The poems are themselves translations of Latin hymns by St Thomas Aquinas which frequently reference Scripture. The poetry vividly evokes imagery of Christ wilfully sacrificing his own body and blood to feed believers in the Eucharist - the tenor solo 'O soft, self-wounding Pelican,' one of the piece's most famous lines, is the best example of this.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Pim Baxter OBE, Deputy Director of the National Portrait Gallery, London, will be speaking on the *Faith in the Arts* in our series Faith in the Workplace.

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

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