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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 4 March 2018

The Third Sunday of Lent

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Sebastian Heindl

*2017 Winner, Northern Ireland International
Organ Competition*

Toccata septima from *Apparatus Musico-
Organisticus* (Muffat)

Sonata No. 1 in E \flat , BWV 525 (Bach)

Sonata No. 3 in A, Op. 65 (Mendelssohn)

*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 376

KINGSFOLD

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808–89)

Music: adapted from an English folk song
by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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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

Leighton

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 23

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me
forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the
paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them
that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head
with oil, and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord 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.

The FIRST LESSON is read

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God,
and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice
of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not
rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty
to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven,
and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.
For a dream cometh through the multitude of business;
and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.

When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it;
for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou
hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow,
than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not
thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou
before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore
should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the
work of thine hands? For in the multitude of dreams
and many words there are also divers vanities: but
fear thou God.

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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 St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Philippians 4: 4-9

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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

We beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; 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

Take him, earth, for cherishing (1964)

Take him, earth, for cherishing,
To thy tender breast receive him.
Body of a man I bring thee,
Noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling,
By the breath of God created.
High the heart that here was beating,
Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee,
Not unmindful of His creature
Shall He ask it: He who made it
Symbol of His mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed
To fulfil the hope of men,
Then must thou, then must thou
What I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying
Wear away these bones to sand,
Ashes that a man might measure
In the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle
Drifting through the empty sky
Scatter dust was nerve and sinew,
Is it given to man to die.

Once again the shining road
Leads to ample Paradise;
Open are the woods again,
That the Serpent lost for men.

Take, O take him, mighty Leader,
Take again thy servant's soul.
Grave his name, and pour the fragrant
Balm upon the icy stone.

Take him, earth, for cherishing,
To thy tender breast receive him.
Body of a man I bring thee,
Noble even in its ruin.
By the breath of God created.
Christ the prince of all its living.
Take him, earth, for cherishing.

Words: Prudentius (348–c. 413)
tr. Helen Waddell (1889–1965)
Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE ADDRESS

Faith in the Arts

Pim Baxter OBE

*Deputy Director at the National Portrait Gallery
London & Lay Canon at St Paul's Cathedral*

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 and clergy recess

*Please remain quiet until the end of the
organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

Buxtehude

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was composed for Magdalen College Oxford in 1959 by Kenneth Leighton. Whilst a student in Oxford in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Leighton was tutored by Bernard Rose – the Director of Music at Magdalen College, to whom the work is dedicated. Despite having a difficult relationship with faith and the Church, Leighton once wrote 'I find in religious/mystical/visionary ideas the most exciting stimulus for composition'; this impassioned response is evident in his sympathetic treatment of the texts used in many of his works. The Magdalen Service is no exception: the Magnificat has an almost frenzied feel, owing to the seemingly ceaseless, motorized organ accompaniment, and the Nunc Dimittis is plaintive and tender. But Leighton does not simply capture the mood of a text; here he twists it, especially so in the repetitions of the words 'world without end' in the first Gloria. Rather than depicting glorious eternity, the composer has created an inescapably manic spiral of sound that is only resolved with a unanimous 'Amen'. These musical-poetic contradictions certainly heighten our awareness of oft-sung texts, forcing us to consider more deeply their meaning.

'Within the year following the tragic death of President Kennedy in Texas, plans were made for a dual American-Canadian Memorial Service to be held in Washington. I was asked to compose an *a capella* work for the commemoration. The text was mine to choose, Biblical or other. Choice was settled when I recalled a poem by Prudentius.' So wrote Herbert Howells in the sleeve notes to the 1967 recording by King's College Choir of *Take him, earth, for cherishing*. The work, a setting of Helen Waddell's 'faultless translation', was immediately a masterpiece. But, although a high-profile commission of international prominence, Howells' relationship with the text he chose to set is strikingly personal. A diary entry from May 1958 reads 'Rain and Gloom. But the rain turned away with a sheer beauty of light. Prudentius' Hymnus ... kept my mind in safe refuge – as once it did ... for love of Michael' [*his son who died in 1935 from Polio*]. The piece, a model of Howells' mature style, certainly seems both beautifully expansive and fiercely intimate: it is deeply spiritual but not specifically religious, mourning a great loss, yet of a very personal narrative voice – the opening bars could as easily be in mourning for a mighty leader as they could a lost loved one.

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

The Cambridge Fundraising Choir is composed of choral scholars from the University who are raising money to help support the work of Cancer Research UK, and in particular their contribution towards the treatment of brain tumours.

www.cambridgefundraisingchoir.com

The Holocaust Educational Trust was established in 1988 with the aim of educating young people from every background about the Holocaust and the important lessons that can be learned for today.

www.het.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 11 March • 6.15 pm

Orchestral Mass

A special service to mark Laetare Sunday, with Schubert's Mass in G. Traditionally, this is a day of refreshment in the season of Lent, and also marks the final Sunday of Lent Term. The Rt Revd & Rt Hon. Lord Richard Chartres will be speaking on the Faith in the House of Lords in our series *Faith in the Workplace*.

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

SPECIAL SERVICES

Friday 16 March • 6.00 pm

Commemoration of Benefactors

Address to be given by Dr Chris Morley,
Trinity College

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All members of the College community are welcome

A Good Read: Book for Lent Term

Thursday 8 March • 8.30 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

Join us for a relaxed discussion over refreshments of this term's book: CS Lewis' autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*. Andrew (adb69)

Study Retreat • 20–25 March • Hilfield Friary, Dorset

An opportunity to escape Cambridge for some quiet time at an idyllic countryside retreat hosted by the Franciscan Brothers, who are very happy to welcome people of all faiths or none. Email Andrew (adb69) for further information.