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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 18 November 2018

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Trinity

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Eleanor Carter
Clare College

Sonata No. 5 in C, BWV 529 (Bach)
Allegro – Largo – Allegro

Prelude and Fugue in b, BWV 544 (Bach)

*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 352

DIADEMATA

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94)
Music: George Elvey (1816–93)

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 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded
himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure :
that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been
prepared : thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up
their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness
becometh thine house 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 Gospel according to St Matthew.

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain:
and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom
of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall
be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall
inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called
the children of God. Blessed are they which are
persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall
revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner
of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

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 Second Epistle of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in

unrighteousness. But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-13

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Collegium Regale

Tavener

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, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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

Saints – *Franz Jägerstätter*

Mr Philip McDonagh
former Irish Ambassador

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 373 (t. CP 466)

COE FEN

Words: John Mason (c. 1645–94)

Music: Ken Naylor (1931–91)

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THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

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

VOLUNTARY

Litanies, JA 119

Alain

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.

'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 – a more newsworthy commemoration service is difficult to imagine – Howells' relationship with the text he ultimately chose to set is strikingly personal. The composer had used parts of the Latin original in the 1932 sketches of his *Hymnus Paradisi*, the work whose completion in 1938 finally ended the compositional famine brought on by the devastating loss of his son, Michael, to polio in 1935. Although the completed *Hymnus Paradisi* did not ultimately contain any of Prudentius' poetry, the text clearly stayed with him: 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 in Sept. 1935 for love of Michael.' The piece, a model of Howells' mature style, certainly seems both beautifully expansive and fiercely intimate: it is lucid but atmospheric, deeply spiritual but not specifically religious, mourning a great, tragic loss yet of a very personal narrative voice. It combines a profound sense of pain – very public pain – with an agonising and far quieter personal grief; the processional of the opening bars could as easily be in mourning for a mighty leader as they could a loved one lost. Paul Andrews wonders whether, in responding to the shock that the whole world felt at the assassination of John Kennedy, a young man in whom so much hope for the future had been invested, Howells found the motivation for what may be the greatest – even if secretly so – memorial for Michael.

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Cara (Council for At-Risk Academics)

Cara provides urgently-needed help to academics in immediate danger, those forced into exile, and many who choose to work on in their home countries despite serious risks. Cara also supports higher education institutions whose work is at risk or compromised. www.cara.ngo

Médecins Sans Frontiers (Doctors Without Borders)

Guided by medical ethics and the principles of impartiality, independence and neutrality, MSF provides medical assistance to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from healthcare. www.msf.org

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 25 November • 6.15 pm

A Carol Service for Advent

Tickets will be sent out this week to all those who have applied. Doors open at 5.30 pm and seats will be reserved until 6.00 pm. Anyone without a ticket is invited to join the queue outside Great Gate on the night – as many as possible from this queue will be admitted to any empty seats from 6.00 pm. Doors close at 6.10 pm; late-comers will not be admitted until a suitable point in the service.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Faith Forum

Friday 23 November • 6.00 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

An opportunity for those with a faith, no faith, or questions about faith to meet and discuss our differences, but also what we have in common.

Winter Getaway: Morocco

1–8 December

Basing ourselves in Casablanca and then Marrakesh, we will visit world heritage sites as well as markets, museums and sites of religious significance. Students, Fellows and staff are welcome to join the group. Contact Andrew to express interest.

Christmas Day Lunch

Tuesday 25 December • from 12.00 noon

Join the Chaplains for lunch on Christmas Day. Places are limited, so please contact Kirsty well in advance if you would like to join in.