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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 10 March 2019

The First Sunday of Lent

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Lamento, Op. 24 (Dupré)

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656 (Bach)

Andantino in F (Elgar)

Litanies, JA 119 (Alain)

*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 398 (t. 395)

WOODLANDS

Words: Henry Montagu Butler (1833–1918)

Music: Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

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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

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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 49

O hear ye this, all ye people : ponder it with your
ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
High and low, rich and poor : one with another.
My mouth shall speak of wisdom :
and my heart shall muse of understanding.
I will incline mine ear to the parable :
and shew my dark speech upon the harp.
Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness :
and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth
me round about?
There be some that put their trust in their goods : and
boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
But no man may deliver his brother :
nor make agreement unto God for him;
For it cost more to redeem their souls :
so that he must let that alone for ever;
Yea, though he live long : and see not the grave.
For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish
together : as well as the ignorant and foolish,
and leave their riches for other.
And yet they think that their houses shall continue
for ever : and that their dwelling-places shall
endure from one generation to another; and call
the lands after their own names.
Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour :
seeing he may be compared unto the beasts
that perish; this is the way of them.
This is their foolishness :
and their posterity praise their saying.
They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon
them, and the righteous shall have domination
over them in the morning : their beauty shall
consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.
But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell :
for he shall receive me.
Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich :
or if the glory of his house be increased;
For he shall carry nothing away with him when he
dieth : neither shall his pomp follow him.
For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man :
and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men
will speak good of thee.
He shall follow the generation of his fathers :
and shall never see light.
Man being in honour hath no understanding :
but is compared unto the beasts that perish.
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.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain: In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of musick shall be brought low; Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity.

Ecclesiastes 12: 1-8

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Finzi

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. Amen.

All sit for the **SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to St Luke.

And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

Luke 12: 13–21

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 Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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

Lord, let me know mine end (1918)

Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long; and mine age is as nothing in respect of thee, And verily, every man living is altogether vanity, For man walketh in a vain shadow and disquieteth himself in vain, he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee. Deliver me from all mine offences and make me not a rebuke to the foolish. I became dumb and opened not my mouth for it was thy doing. Take thy plague away from me, I am even consumed by means of thy heavy hand.

When thou with rebukes does chasten man for sin thou makest his beauty to consume away like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thy ears consider my calling, hold not thy peace at my tears! For I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner as all my fathers were. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more seen.

Words: Psalm 39

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

THE ADDRESS

The Psalms

Psalm 49 – O hear ye this, all ye people

The Right Revd Robert Atwell

Bishop of Exeter

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 408 (i)

BLAENWERN

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Music: William Rowlands (1860–1937)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

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

VOLUNTARY

Apparition de l'église éternelle

Messiaen

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Wintercomfort

For over 28 years Wintercomfort has supported people who are homeless or at risk of losing their home in Cambridge. Wintercomfort supports those sleeping rough, in local nightshelters, living in temporary accommodation or vulnerably housed. www.wintercomfort.org.uk

ActionAid

Around the world, women and children are affected the most by poverty. ActionAid puts women and children at the centre of their work in 45 countries. They make sure that girls go to and stay in school, work with communities to end gender-based violence, and train women to gain skills that they need to earn a living. www.actionaid.org.uk

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Gerald Finzi was commissioned to write a Magnificat for a university Christmas concert in Smith College, Northampton (MA) in 1952. Although never intended for liturgical use – an instruction found on the score – the work powerfully evokes the familiar lines of the canticle. The only departure from convention is the substitution of an ‘Amen’ in place of the Gloria, as was correct for the Christmas Vespers service for which the piece had been conceived. Nevertheless, the combination of the triumphantly recurring ‘My soul doth magnify the Lord’ melody with the final lullaby ‘Amen’ (one of very few extended melismatic passages Finzi wrote – and similar in intent to the conclusion of *Lo, the full, final sacrifice*), vividly conjures the mood of Mary’s blissful but tender song.

Lord, let me know mine end is the sixth and final movement of Parry’s *Songs of Farewell*. The motets were written between 1916 and 1918, in the final two years of the composer’s life. The longest of the six motets, this movement is notable as the only one to use a biblical text, and for its complex and varied use of musical textures. It is also, perhaps, the most poignant: throughout the motet, and particularly in the final section beginning ‘O spare me a little’, one feels we are glimpsing the inner thoughts of a man acutely aware of his own mortality.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Friday 15 March • 6.00 pm

Commemoration of Benefactors

Our annual service commemorating our founder and benefactors

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Study Retreat

9–14 April • 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.