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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 2 June 2019

The Sunday after Ascension Day

## ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Colin Walsh
Lincoln Cathedral

Alla breve, BWV 589 (Bach)

Vater unser im Himmelreich (Böhm)

Fugue in C, BuxWV 136 (Buxtehude)

Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, BWV 678 (Bach)

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 (Bach)

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

This evening we welcome visitors from the parish of St Andrew's Chesterton.

Please ensure that all electronic devices, including cameras, are switched off.

Services from Trinity College Chapel are video webcast live and available to watch again.

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 338** 

**EVELYNS** 

Words: Caroline Noel (1817–77) Music: William Henry Monk (1823–89)

#### 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 12

- Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
- They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
- The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
- Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?
- Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy: and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
- I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.
- The words of the Lord are pure words: even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.
- Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.
- The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.
- 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 Proverbs.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling. The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing. Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out. Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment scattereth away all evil with his eyes. Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them. Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty; open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread. It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer: but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth. There is gold, and a multitude of rubies: but the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

Proverbs 20: 1-15

## All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

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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 Romans.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12: 1-8

## All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

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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 God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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

God is gone up (1951)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout: The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend; And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend: Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string More to enravish, as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c. 1642–1729) Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–56)

#### THE ADDRESS

The Good Society and Universities

Professor Stephen Toope
Vice-Chancellor, University of Cambridge

All stand for the HYMN NEH 272

ALL FOR JESUS

#### THE BLESSING

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

#### **VOLUNTARY**

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## THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's canticles were written for Chichester Cathedral's 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Dean at the time, Walter Hussey, had approached Walton 31 years previously for an anthem to mark the golden jubilee of St Matthew's Northampton, where Hussey was Vicar. Walton turned the commission down, so Britten was asked instead, leading to the composition of *Rejoice in the Lamb*. In 1974, perhaps partially as a way of making amends for his previous rebuttal, Walton accepted the commission of a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis (the words of which he found totally uninspiring) for Chichester Cathedral.

Gerald Finzi's Ascension Day anthem for choir and organ was composed in 1946, and first performed at a festal morning service on St Cecilia's Day (22 November) in 1951 at the musicians' church of St Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct, under the direction of John Dykes Bower. The text - taken from Edward Taylor's Meditation Twenty and the jubilant 47th psalm – is given a ternary treatment by the composer, first accompanied by the fanfares of the 'sounding trumpets', then by a more lyrical central section ('making every string / More to enravish'), before being concluded by a recapitulation of the opening music as a final 'triumphant shout'. Patrick Gowers has described this piece - perhaps the best known of Finzi's choral compositions - as the sine qua non for musical offerings on the Feast of the Ascension. The ternary structure, much like Vaughan Williams' O clap your hands or Walton's March Imperial, lends the piece an ebullience and infectious cheerfulness highly appropriate for the Ascension of Christ.

## THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Lyn's House is a Christian community in Cambridge offering hospitality and friendship to people society often excludes. With the support of volunteers, they host weekly dinners and monthly tea-parties, building friendships and a community that celebrates everyone for who they are. www.lynshousecommunity.com

Venezuela, once a thriving country, now suffers from drastic shortages of both food and medicines, and diseases such as diphtheria and malaria are remerging. **Healing Venezuela** helps by sending supplies and support to hospitals and health-related institutions and supporting the training of doctors and nurses. www.healingvenezuela.org

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER**

Kwasi Kwarteng MP was due to give the address in the last of our series 'The Good Society and...', but unfortunately is no longer able to be with us. The Dean of Chapel will be preaching in his place.

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

www.trinitycollegechapel.com

## SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 4 June • 5.30 pm • King's College Chapel Joint Service with King's College Choir

Tuesday 25 June • 6.00 pm

#### Leavers' Service

A thanksgiving service to mark the end of the academic year. All are welcome. Leavers, together with their friends and family members are warmly encouraged to attend.

## SINGING FROM THE TOWERS SINGING ON THE RIVER

Next Sunday, 9 June, the Choir will be singing from the towers in Great Court from 12.00 to 12.15 pm.

In the evening, at 8.45 pm, the Choir will give a concert from punts on the river at Trinity. All are welcome. Please enter the College via the Great Gate on Trinity Street or the back gate on Queen's Road. Admission is free – a collection will be taken in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.