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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 13 October 2019

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Pastorale in F, BWV 590 (Bach)

Les Bergers from 'La Nativité du Seigneur' (Messiaen)

Wild Mossy Mountains (Weir)

*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.*

*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 417

ST ANNE

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)  
Music: William Croft (1678–1727)

### *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**

Smith

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 congregation sits for PSALM 70*

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me : make haste to  
help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek  
after my soul : let them be turned backward and  
put to confusion that wish me evil.

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame :  
that cry over me, There, there.

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in  
thee : and let all such as delight in thy salvation  
say always, The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery : haste thee  
unto me, O God.

Thou art my helper and my redeemer : O Lord,  
make no long tarrying.

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 Isaiah.

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Gloucester Service

Howells

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 Epistle of James.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5: 13–16

*All stand for the* **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Gloucester Service

Howells

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

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent  
and follow us, and make us continually to be given  
to all good works; 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

Sing joyfully (c. 1590)

Sing joyfully unto God our strength.

Sing loud unto the God of Jacob.

Take the song and bring forth the timbrel, the  
pleasant harp and the viol.

Blow the trumpet in the new moon, ev'n in the  
time appointed, and at our feast day.

For this is a statute for Israel, and a law of the God  
of Jacob.



## THE ADDRESS

What are we doing at Evensong?  
Confessing

The Dean of Chapel

*All stand for the* HYMN

NEH 381

EWING

Words: Bernard of Cluny, trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66)  
Music: Alexander Ewing (1830–95)

## THE BLESSING

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

## VOLUNTARY

Allegro moderato e serio  
from Sonata No. 1 in f, Op. 65 Mendelssohn

## THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Howells' evening service, composed in 1946 for the cathedral in his native Gloucester, remains one of his most popular compositions. Sophie Cleobury expounds its intelligence, saying of the setting that the reappearance and evolution of the Magnificat's opening motif lends the canticle a structural clarity that is bettered by none other. Cleobury also points to Howells' exemplary word setting, especially his unparalleled understanding of the natural rhetoric of words; it 'works' even when the composer is intent on placing syllabic emphases on weak beats of the bar. The effect is one of timelessness: metrical ambiguity as well as the intertwining of pseudo-monastic soprano lines affords the music a sense of freedom that his other popular settings cannot match. This is as much the case in the Magnificat as it is throughout the quietly ruminative discourse of the Nunc Dimittis. With very few exceptions, Howells' use of added chromatic notes other than sevenths was, before this service, almost entirely confined to his organ parts. The Gloucester service is the first in which vocal parts contain complex ninths, elevenths, and thirteenth, and the expanded range – over three and a half octaves, including the organ – suggests that more autonomy is here given to each line purely for expression's sake. According to Cleobury, the astounding Gloria Patri is especially significant: it is both a shocking juncture dramatically – several new modes are announced rapidly as the words 'as it was in the beginning' are passed from voice to voice, reaching a heady climax with the soaring sopranos – as well as confirmation that Howells was now speaking confidently in his mature musical language. It is believed that this setting was the one with which the composer, a long-suffering perfectionist, was most pleased.

William Byrd's *Sing Joyfully* is a setting of the first four verses of Psalm 81, scored for six unaccompanied voices. The piece is resolutely jubilant throughout: the opening imitative entries of 'Sing joyfully', comprising an upward leaping fifth and a syncopated, melismatic flourish, establish a buoyant mood from the outset. Byrd's evocative word-painting is exercised particularly well to describe a merry band of instruments: staccati for the plucking of a harp, drawn-out tenuti for the bow strokes of a stately viol, and fanfares for the sounding of a trumpet. The playful character, confident polyphony and triumphant climax of this piece assures it great popularity; it was Byrd's most popular anthem during his lifetime, and remains so today.

## THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

### Cambridge Cyrenians

The Cyrenians provide accommodation in 3 to 5 bed houses for over a hundred homeless men and women in Cambridge. They also offer specialised support and services for their residents, including an allotment project. [cambridgecyrenians.org.uk](http://cambridgecyrenians.org.uk)

### Mercy Ships

A faith-based international development organisation, Mercy Ships deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital, free healthcare to people in desperate need. Their present focus is in sub-Saharan Africa. [mercyships.org.uk](http://mercyships.org.uk)

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Dr Megan Daffern, Ely Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations, will be speaking on Hearing the Psalms in our series 'What are we doing at Evensong?'

The texts of this term's sermons may be found on the Chapel website. [www.trinitycollegechapel.com](http://www.trinitycollegechapel.com)

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

*All members of the College community are welcome*

### A Good Read for Michaelmas Term

Collect a free copy of Annie Dillard's mesmerising collection of essays, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, read it over term and join us for a relaxed discussion on Thursday 28 November. Pick up a copy any time in weeks 1 and 2 from outside F2 Whewell's Court.

### Sundays • 3.00–4.00 pm • F2 Whewell's Court Chaplains' Tea

Everyone is welcome to drop in and unwind with tea, coffee, cakes and friendly conversation.

### Sundays • 4.30–5.30 pm • F2 Whewell's Court Women's Bible Study

Join us for tea and cake as we explore the Bible and Christian spirituality. Contact Eleanor Lancelot.

### Saturday 19 October • depart 2.00 pm Great Gate Getaway to Grantchester

A relaxed and gentle two-mile walk from College over the meadows to the famous village of Grantchester, stopping for afternoon tea at The Orchard Tea Rooms, haunt of Rupert Brooke, Bertrand Russell, Virginia Woolf and Ludwig Wittgenstein among many others.