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CHORAL EVENSONG

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The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Prelude in e, BWV 548 (Bach)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 676 (Bach)

Fantasia in a from Book 13 (Byrd)

Fugue in e, 'The Wedge', BWV 548 (Bach)

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

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including cameras, are switched off.*

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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.*

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

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The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel. The opening hymn will follow unannounced.

HYMN NEH 333

MICHAEL

Words: Robert Bridges (1844–1930)
based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650–80)
Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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 18: 1–15

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my
stony rock, and my defence : my Saviour, my God,
and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler,
the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be
praised : so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me : and the
overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me :
the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord :
and complain unto my God.

So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple :
and my complaint shall come before him,
it shall enter even into his ears.

The earth trembled and quaked :
the very foundations also of the hills shook,
and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence :
and a consuming fire out of his mouth,
so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down :
and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the cherubins, and did fly :
he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place :
his pavilion round about him,
with dark water and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed :
hail-stones, and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the
Highest gave his thunder : hail-stones, and coals
of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them :
he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations
of the round world were discovered, at thy chiding,
O Lord : at the blasting of the breath of thy
displeasure.

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 First Book of Samuel.

So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the Lord, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the Lord, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the Lord remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.

And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoiceth in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

1 Samuel 1: 9–20; 2: 1–10

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Octavi Toni

Vivanco

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 Gospel according to St Luke.

And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, 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; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luke 2: 22-33

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 almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things which thou wouldest have done; 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

Give me the wings of faith (1962)

Give me the wings of faith to rise
Within the veil, and see
The Saints above, how great their joys,
How bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
And wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
With sins and doubts and fears.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
His zeal inspired their breast,
And, following their incarnate God,
Possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
For his own pattern given;
While the long cloud of witnesses
Show the same path to heav'n.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929–88)

THE ADDRESS

What are we doing at Evensong?
Singing the Canticles

The Revd Dr Stephen Cherry
Dean of King's College Cambridge

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 368

CWM RHONDDA

Words: William Williams (1717–91)
trans. Peter Williams (1727–96) and others
Music: John Hughes (1873–1932)

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547

Bach

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Dr Jeremy Morris, Master of Trinity Hall
Cambridge, will be speaking on Praying the Creed
and the Lord's Prayer.

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's Magnificat is one of a collection of eighteen written by Sebastián de Vivanco, a Spanish Renaissance composer who hailed from the same town (Ávila) as his renowned contemporary, Victoria. Vivanco achieved not dissimilar renown during his life, and worked as choir-master of the Cathedral and professor of music at the University in Salamanca during his last twenty years. It was during this time that the collection of Magnificats was published in 1607. The *Octavi toni* setting that the choir sings tonight incorporates alternating verses of plainsong and eight-part polyphony, with a single verse for four-part semi-chorus.

The anthem *Give me the wings of faith* was commissioned for the Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist, Leytonstone, in June 1962. It is a setting of Isaac Watts' 1709 poem and is scored for two soloists – soprano and baritone – choir and organ. Written in his gritty quasi-serial style, Leighton hints at the powerful effects he obtained in his impressive large-scale choral and organ works. Often Leighton's religious music offers a disconcerting view of the struggles of religion, forcing us to think again about even the most familiar scenes – *Give me the wings of faith* is no exception. Watts imagines the triumph of the saints above, imagining 'how great their joys, how bright their glories be'. But in Leighton's setting, the angular chromaticism and the ticking beat of the organ's minims allow little time for basking in glory. The organ shrinks down to a pianissimo, before it drops out altogether; and in a whispered hush the choir recalls that, for all their triumph now, 'Once they were mourning here below, and wet their couch with tears'. The perfect, saintly life is not devoid of restlessness; it is devoted to it. It is a road full of torments, marked out by 'Our glorious Leader' Christ himself, who offers his own example for imitation. The poem's climax imagines that saintly path to heaven; yet there is something abrupt and peremptory about Leighton's setting. After the harmonic movement – the piece has travelled through all sorts of harmonic centres, suggesting all sorts of tonalities – the piece simply lands on a fortissimo B major chord. Leighton was a composer who could chart minutely the harmonic swell and decay of a piece; the fact that he didn't here looks like another aspect to his distinctive musical theology. By the close of the piece, not one step has been taken on the 'path to heaven'; what we see attested by the 'long cloud of witnesses' is how long and arduous that path is.