

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 21 November 2019

Eve of St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music

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.

VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude, Set 1 No. 2

Howells

INTROIT sung from the Ante-Chapel

A Hymn for St Cecilia (1960)

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing, in words of youth and praises of the Spring, walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray, and sing as sunlight fills the waking day; till angels, voyaging in upper air, pause on a wing and gather the clear sound into celestial joy, wound and unwound, a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth, in words of music, and each word a truth; marriage of heart and longings that aspire, a bond of roses, and a ring of fire. Your summertime grows short and fades away, terror must gather to a martyr's death; but never tremble, the last indrawn breath remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries, Cecilia's music dances in the skies; lend us a fragment of the immortal air, that with your choiring angels we may share, a word to light us thro' time-fettered night, water of life, or rose of paradise, so from the earth another song shall rise to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

> Words: Ursula Vaughan Williams (1911–2007) Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES

Mäntyjärvi

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.

All sit for PSALM 106: 1–12

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever. Who can express the noble acts of the Lord : or shew forth all his praise? Blessed are they that alway keep judgement : and do righteousness. Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people : O visit me with thy salvation; That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance. We have sinned with our fathers : we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly. Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance : but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea. Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake : that he might make his power to be known. He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up : so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness. And he saved them from the adversaries' hand : and delivered them from the hand of the enemy. As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them : there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words : and sang praise unto him. Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Daniel 9: 20-end (NRSV p. 762)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

in A♭

Rubbra

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...

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

Revelation 12: 1–12 (NRSV p. 241)

Rubbra

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

in Ab

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...

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

Cantantibus organis

Cantantibus organis Caecilia virgo in corde suo soli Domino decantabat dicens: Fiat Domine cor meum et corpus meum immaculatum, ut non confundar.

While the musicians played, Cecilia the virgin sang in her heart to the Lord, saying: Lord, let my heart and body remain undefiled, and let me not be confounded.

> Words: First antiphon at Vespers on the Feast of St Cecilia Music: Peter Philips (1560/61–1628)

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

All stand for the HYMN NEH 336

ANGEL VOICES

Words: Francis Pott (1832–1909) Music: Edwin George Monk (1819–1900)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess; please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary

VOLUNTARY

Toccata on 'Placare Christe servulis', Op. 38 No. 16