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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 24 November 2019

The Sunday Next before Advent

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Hymne au soleil (Vierne)

Sunset (Karg-Elert)

Clair de Lune (Vierne)

Clair de Lune (Karg-Elert)

Etoile du soir (Vierne)

Hymn to the stars (Karg-Elert)

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

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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 461

CROSS OF JESUS

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814–63)
Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

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.

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 119: 1–8

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way :
and walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies :
and seek him with their whole heart.

For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged :

that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct :

that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded :

while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart :

when I shall have learned the judgements of thy
righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies :

O forsake me not utterly.

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.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots. And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

St Paul's 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 Gospel according to St John.

Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

John 18: 33–37

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

St Paul's 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...

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

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; 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

Christus vincit (1994)

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus
imperat. Alleluia!

*Christ conquers, Christ is King, Christ is Lord
of all. Alleluia!*

Words: Worcester Acclamations (10th C.)
Music: James MacMillan (b. 1959)

THE ADDRESS

What are we doing at Evensong?
Singing a Hymn

The Right Revd Tim Thornton
Bishop at Lambeth

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 437

AUSTRIA

Words: Foundling Hospital Collection 1796
verse 3: Edward Osler (1798–1863)
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

March on a theme of Handel,
'Lift up your heads!'

Guilmant

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Herbert Howells, whose name infuses the musical landscape of Anglican worship, set the words of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis* at least eighteen times. Of all these settings, Howells considered his 1951 St Paul's service distinctive for its sheer breadth and tonal sumptuousness. According to Howells, 'this is the most extended in scale [...] With the great spaces of St Paul's in mind, the nature of this setting would be acutely influenced. Prolonged echo would dictate a less rapidly-changing harmonic rhythm [...] harmonic and tonality changes are built more slowly; with these conditions there comes a heightened volume of sound, and a tonal opulence commensurate with a vast church.' Textural transformations, too, are perfectly conceived for the mystical acoustic of St Paul's Cathedral: the mighty unison of the *Magnificat's* beginning drives gradually but relentlessly towards the Amen with impressive momentum.

Christus Vincit was written by contemporary Scottish composer, James MacMillan, in 1994 for St Paul's Cathedral, London. The structure of the work is almost counterintuitive: despite the triumphant meaning of the words, the first half of the piece remains utterly contained and punctuated with periods of complete silence. Only twice during the repeated utterances of 'Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat' is the choir allowed to reach to a loud dynamic. However, in the final 'Alleluia' section, the exultant nature of the piece is realised. The composer builds towards a musical climax, before culminating with a breath-taking soprano solo.

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

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

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 December • 6.15 pm

Advent Carol Service

Doors open at 5.30 pm and seats will be reserved until 6.00 pm. Tickets are being sent out this week. Anyone without a ticket is invited to join the queue of non-ticket-holders outside Great Gate on the night – as many as possible from this queue will be admitted to any empty seats at 6.00 pm. Doors close at 6.10 pm; late-comers will not be admitted until a suitable point in the service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Saturday 14 December • 4.00 pm

Christingle with Carols

An interactive service for children of all ages, featuring the Choristers of Little St Mary's Church

Tuesday 24 December • 3.30 pm

Christmas Eve Crib Service

A service for young children at which we hear the Christmas story and assemble the nativity scene

Wednesday 25 December • 9.30 am

Christmas Day Eucharist

A traditional service of hymns, readings and Holy Communion with a sermon by the Dean of Chapel

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All members of the College community are welcome at the following events

Thursday 5 December • depart 7.15 pm Great Gate Festive Ice-Skating

Celebrate the end of term by joining us at the Winter Wonderland and Ice Rink on Parker's Piece, including a 45-minute session on the ice. Skates provided.

Wednesday 25 December • 3.00–5.00 pm

Christmas Day Afternoon

Everyone is warmly invited to John's house in central Cambridge for Christmas cake and refreshments by the fire, with friendly company, festive fun and games, and maybe the odd carol.