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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 2 February 2020

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple
(Candlemas)

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Victor Matthews
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Climat, JA 79 (Alain)

Petite Pièce, JA 33 (Alain)

Intermezzo, JA 66 bis (Alain)

Litanies, JA 119 (Alain)

Danse funèbre pour honorer une mémoire
héroïque, JA 120 bis (Alain)

*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.*

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

HYMN NEH 157

OLD 120TH

Words: John Ellerton (1826–93)
Music: melody from Este's 'Psalter' (1592)
harmony from Ravenscroft's 'Psalmes' (1621)

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 24

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is :
the compass of the world, and they that dwell
therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared
it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who
shall rise up in his holy place?

Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart :
and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity,
nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord : and
righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him :
even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall
come in.

Who is the King of glory : it is the Lord strong and
mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up,
ye everlasting doors : and the King of glory shall
come in.

Who is the King of glory : even the Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

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 former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Midian.

For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

RSV Isaiah 9: 1b-7

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

Luke 2: 22–35

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son 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

Hail, gladdening light (2013)

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured,
Who is the Immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord!
Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with
undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord,
they own.

Words: Greek, before 4th century; John Keble (1792–1866)
Music: David Briggs (b. 1962)

THE ADDRESS

The Dean of Chapel



Rembrandt (1606–69), *Simeon's Song of Praise* (1669),
Nationalmuseum, Stockholm, Sweden

All stand for the **HYMN** NEH 55

CRÜGER

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854)
Music: Johann Crüger (1598–1662)
adapt. William Henry Monk (1823–89)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

*Please remain quiet until the end of the
organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Meine Seele erhebet den Herren, BWV 733 Bach

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

The Red Hen Project www.redhenproject.org

A small local charity working with five primary schools in North Cambridge, supporting children and their families to overcome barriers to learning and to provide a link between home and school.

Afrinspire www.afrinspire.org.uk

A Christian charity supporting development projects in Africa aimed at the relief of poverty, and is currently raising funds to support Burundian and South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Dr Simon Taylor QC, Priest at St Andrew's Stapleford, will be speaking on The Rich Fool in our series on the Parables of Jesus.

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

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's setting of the canticles was composed for Magdalen College Oxford in 1959 by Kenneth Leighton. Whilst a student in Oxford in the late 1940s and early 1950s, Leighton was tutored by Bernard Rose – the Director of Music at Magdalen College, to whom the work is dedicated. Despite having a difficult relationship with faith and the Church, Leighton once wrote 'I find in religious / mystical / visionary ideas the most exciting stimulus for composition'; this impassioned response is evident in his sympathetic treatment of the texts used in many of his works. The Magdalen Service is no exception: the Magnificat has an almost frenzied feel, owing to the seemingly ceaseless, motorized organ accompaniment, and the Nunc Dimittis is plaintive and tender. But Leighton does not simply capture the mood of a text; here he twists it, especially so in the repetitions of the words 'world without end' in the first Magnificat's Gloria. Rather than depicting glorious eternity, the composer has created an inescapably manic spiral of sound that is only resolved with a unanimous 'Amen'. In a similar vein, the opening of the Nunc Dimittis, lacking organ accompaniment and tonally torn, hardly conveys the resolution and gratification felt by Simeon upon seeing Christ. Perhaps the composer intended to challenge convention, and to reinvigorate our practice of familiar liturgy. These musical-poetic contradictions certainly heighten our awareness of oft-sung texts, forcing us to consider more deeply their meaning.

Like Charles Wood's setting of the same text, David Briggs employs two antiphonal choirs in *Hail, Gladdening Light*. The immediate effect is one of resounding joy as the lighting of the candle at eventide reflects the comforting omnipresence of the risen Christ. Throughout the work, Briggs pivots between two contrasting key areas. On the one hand lies the simplicity of the sharp, bright G major – the tangible 'light' shining through the night's darkness, or the praises 'to be sung' in honour of the Trinity. On the other hand lies the flatter regions of B \flat , E \flat and A \flat used to evoke the wonderment and mystery surrounding such ideas as the 'Holiest of Holies', the 'Son of our God' and the 'giver of life, alone'. The ease and confidence with which Briggs navigates these harmonic alternations gives him away as one of the finest organ improvisers of his generation. By the end of the piece, both key areas are entangled so much so that even during the closing G major section, the descending phrase in the sopranos contains a redolent E \flat . Through the reconciliation of the flat and sharp keys, Briggs reconciles the tangible joy of the 'gladdening light' with the elusive wonder of what that light represents: the great mystery of faith.