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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 16 February 2020

The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Aubade from *24 Pièces de Fantaisie*, Op. 55 (Vierne)

Improvisation and Tiento from *Suite Médiévale*
(Langlais)

Chant de paix from *Neuf Pièces* (Langlais)

Scherzo improvisée (Harrison Cole)

Memor (Hakim)

*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 255

FARLEY CASTLE

Words: Edmund Spenser (1552–99)
Music: Henry Lawes (1596–1662)

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 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the
courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice
in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the
swallow a nest where she may lay her young :
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house :
they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee :
in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a
well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto
the God of gods appeareth every one of them
in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer :
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender :
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my
God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord
will give grace and worship, and no good thing
shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth
his trust in thee.

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 Proverbs.

For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

Proverbs 8: 11–21

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Short Service

Weelkes

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 Matthew.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Matthew 13: 44–46

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Short Service

Weelkes

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 Lord God, who seest that we put not our trust in
any thing that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy
power we may be defended against all adversity;
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

The Wilderness (1832)

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

Say to them of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not, behold, your God, he will come and save you; even God, he will come and save you.

Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And a highway shall be there; it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Words: taken from Isaiah 35

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

THE ADDRESS

Parables of Jesus:

The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl

Professor George van Kooten

*Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity,
University of Cambridge*

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 362 (t. 185)

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Words: John Newton (1725–1807)
Music: Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–91)
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THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

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

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in G, BWV 568

Bach

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's canticles were composed by English composer Thomas Weelkes. Weelkes was active in the late-16th and early-17th centuries, holding posts as organist at Winchester College and later at Chichester Cathedral. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis heard tonight are from his Short Service. This posthumous moniker is not an overstatement:

the two movements together make up only four minutes of music, an economy achieved by an almost entirely homophonic setting. Weelkes is particularly remembered for his madrigals, published in four volumes between 1597 and 1608. Despite this prolific and promising start, from 1609 his name was often associated with scandal. As well as repeatedly finding himself in trouble with the Cathedral authorities, he was once fined for 'urinating on the Dean from the organ loft during Evensong', and frequently reported for drunken behaviour. He died in London in 1623.

Between Purcell and Stanford, the state of English church music is often considered dire. While those on the Continent enjoyed the fruits of Bach, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Brahms, those in Britain would fill their church services with the music of centuries past. This is, however, only partly true. It is correct that England, when compared with the rest of Europe, suffered somewhat a stasis in its church music output, but to render two whole centuries a 'dark-age' would be remiss. Samuel Sebastian Wesley, who held a variety of appointments as an organist, including those at Leeds Parish Church and Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford and Winchester cathedrals, was perhaps the most important English composer of church music during that period. His anthem, *The Wilderness* (1832) was written to commemorate the opening of the newly built organ at Hereford Cathedral. The text is from Isaiah 35 and the majority is set using solo verse. Harvey Grace once observed that the great compositional moments from the likes of Bach and Beethoven occur when 'the simplest technical material suddenly lifts us into the very heavens, or makes us hold our breath'; this happens on numerous occasions in this masterpiece of an anthem. After the austerity of the unison choir describing the 'unclean' not able to pass over the highway of holiness, a solo quartet, set high in the tessitura without a conventional bass part, invites us heavenward as it sings 'but the redeemed shall walk there'. This moment of pause between the preceding unison and the grand fugal section to follow is exactly as Harvey Grace describes. However, these few bars provide only a taste of what is to come. Following the fugue, the final section of the anthem – once again with the use of solo verse – transports us to another realm entirely: after all the adulation and glorification of the counterpoint, it is the simplest homophonic progressions that cultivate an epilogue-like dream state from which all 'sorrow and sighing flee away'.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Olga Fabrikant-Burke, one of our Chaplains, will be speaking on The Talents 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 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. Red Hen works one to one with children and families in their home, at school, and in the community.

Afrinspire www.afrinspire.org.uk

A Christian charity supporting development projects in Africa aimed at the relief of poverty. It often delivers support with the help of local church leaders, and is currently raising funds to support Burundian and South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Fifth Week Blues in the Bar

Sunday 16 February • 9.00 pm • College Bar

A night of top notch blues with music by Mystery Train.

Chaplains' Tea

Sundays • 3.00–4.00 pm • F2 Whewell's Court

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

Women's Bible Study

Sundays • 4.30–5.30 pm • M6 Blue Boar

Join us for tea and cake as we reflect on the surprising lives and legacies of saints and misfits, martyrs and social reformers, poets and theologians, with Rowan Williams' *Luminaries: Twenty Lives that Illuminate the Christian Way*. Contact Eleanor Lancelot.