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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 23 February 2020

The Sunday Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Jonathan Hope
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Fantasia and Fugue in g, BWV 542 (Bach)

Intermezzo from Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28 (Vierne)

Prelude and fugue in d (Mendelssohn)

*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 349

NATIVITY

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)
Music: Henry Lahee (1826–1912)

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

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.

The congregation sits for PSALM 114

When Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of
Jacob from among the strange people,
Judah was his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams :
and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :
and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

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 Epistle of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Short Service

Byrd

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.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25: 14–30

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Short Service

Byrd

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...

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, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. 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

Lo, the full, final sacrifice (1946)

Lo, the full, final sacrifice
On which all figures fix't their eyes.
The ransomed Isaac, and his ram;
The Manna, and the Paschal Lamb.
Jesu Master, just and true!
Our food, and faithful shepherd too!

O let that love which thus makes thee
Mix with our low mortality,
Lift our lean souls, and set us up
Convictors of thine own full cup,
Co-heirs of saints, that so all may
Drink the same wine; and the same way;
Nor change the pasture, but the place
To feed of Thee in thine own face.

O dear memorial of that death
Which lives still, and allows us breath!
Rich, royal food! Bountiful bread!
Whose use denies us to the dead!
Live ever, bread of loves, and be
My life, my soul, my surer self to me.

Help, Lord, my faith, my hope increase;
And fill my portion in thy peace.
Give love for life; nor let my days
Grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise.

Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing
Thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King
Stretch all thy powers; call if you can
Harps of heaven to hands of man.
This sovereign subject sits above
The best ambition of thy love.

Lo the bread of life, this day's
Triumphant text provokes thy praise.
The living and life-giving bread,
To the great twelve distributed
When life, himself, at point to die
Of love, was his own legacy.

O soft self-wounding Pelican!
Whose breast weeps balm for wounded man.
All this way bend thy benign flood
To a bleeding heart that gasps for blood.
That blood, whose least drops sovereign be
To wash my worlds of sins from me.
Come love! Come Lord! and that long day
For which I languish, come away,
When this dry soul those eyes shall see,
And drink the unseal'd source of thee;
When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase,
And for thy veil give me thy face. Amen.

Words: from Richard Crashaw's versions
of the hymns of St Thomas Aquinas
Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–56)

THE ADDRESS

Parables of Jesus: The Talents

Olga Fabrikant-Burke *Chaplain*

[Willem de Poorter \(1608–68\), *The Parable of the Talents or Minas*, Národní Galerie, Prague](#)

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 351

NEANDER

Words: Job Hupton (1762–1849)
and John Mason Neale (1818–66)
Music: Joachim Neander (1650–80)

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137

Buxtehude

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, currently raising funds to support Burundian and South Sudanese refugees in Uganda.

THIS EVENING'S MUSIC

Tonight's settings of the canticles are thought to have been composed during William Byrd's first known period of professional employment from 1536 to 1572 at Lincoln Cathedral. Of his four settings of items from the Anglican Matins, Communion and Evensong services, his *Short Service* is the most humble. Having been reprimanded with a salary deduction in 1569 for what is thought to have been Byrd's use of over-exuberant polyphony, this decidedly Anglican setting by contrast enlists a syllabic and wholeheartedly homophonic texture making it easy for the choir to communicate the English text; in post-reformation England, this would have found favour with the likes of Thomas Cranmer as he laid out his new vision for the English liturgy.

English composer Gerald Finzi wrote *Lo, the full, final sacrifice* for choir and organ in 1946, and orchestrated it for a performance at the Three Choirs Festival the following year. He was commissioned by the Revd Walter Hussey to write the piece for the 53rd anniversary of the consecration of St Matthew's Church, Northampton. Hussey was a renowned patron for the arts; he also famously commissioned Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Finzi's anthem sets two poems by Richard Crashaw, which combine to convey the liturgical drama of the Eucharist. Finzi does much to capture this drama musically, perhaps most notably in the opening, hushed setting of the words 'Lo, the full, final sacrifice'. The poems are themselves translations of Latin hymns by St Thomas Aquinas which frequently reference Scripture. The poetry vividly evokes imagery of Christ wilfully sacrificing his own body and blood to feed believers in the Eucharist – the tenor solo 'O soft, self-wounding Pelican,' one of the piece's most famous lines, is the best example of this.

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 26 February • Ash Wednesday

12.00 noon • Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

9.45 pm • Sung Compline

A candlelit service of music and prayer marking the beginning of Lent at which the College Choir will sing Allegri's *Miserere*.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Shrove Tuesday

25 February • 7.00 pm • Ante-Chapel

Following Evensong, join us for the tradition of eating pancakes on the eve of Lent.

Getaway to London: The British Museum

Saturday 29 February

Visit the phenomenal new exhibition at the British Museum, *Troy: Myth and Reality* and learn all about that great ancient city, ending the day with dinner at Tas Restaurant.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd John Summers, Chaplain, will be speaking on The Wedding Feast in our series on the Parables of Jesus.

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

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