

# CHORAL EVENSONG

Wednesday 2 February 2022

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

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

## VOLUNTARY

Plainte from Suite Brève

Langlais

## **INTROIT** sung from the Ante-Chapel

#### Maria wallt zum Heiligtum

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum und bringt ihr Kindlein dar, das schaut der greise Simeon, wie ihm verheißen war. Da nimmt er Jesum in den Arm und singt im Geiste froh: Nun fahr' ich hin mit Freud, dich, Heiland, sah ich heut, du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child, him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God, he said: In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen the Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

> Words: tr. John Troutbeck (1832–99) Music: Johannes Eccard (1553–1611)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

#### RESPONSES

Shephard

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 14

The fool hath said in his heart : There is no God. They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is none that doeth good, no not one.

Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived : the poison of asps is under their lips.

Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.

Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known : there is no fear of God before their eyes.

Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief : eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was : for God is in the generation of the righteous.

As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor : because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people : then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad. 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

Haggai 2: 1-9

## All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Collegium Regale

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...

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

John 2: 18–22

## All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Collegium Regale

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.

## 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

Almighty and ever-living 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

#### THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

#### 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)

## All stand for the HYMN

*Members of the congregation are welcome to join in with the singing of the hymn – please continue to wear a face mask.* 

NEH 55

Crüger

Hail to the Lord's Anointed! great David's greater Son; hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth: before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest: the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his name shall stand for ever; that name to us is Love.

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

#### FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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

VOLUNTARY

Meine Seele erhebet den Herren, BWV 733