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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 6 March 2022

*The First Sunday of Lent*

*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.*

*Members of the congregation are encouraged to wear  
a mask throughout the service.*

## VOLUNTARY

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV623

Hilf Gott, das mir's gelinge, BWV 624 Bach

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

## HYMN

NEH 64

ABRIDGE

**Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.**

Words: Isaac Williams (1802–65)

Music: Isaac Smith (1734–1805)

### *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 32*

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven :  
and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth  
no sin : and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue : my bones consumed  
away through my daily complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night :  
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee :  
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord :  
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer  
unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found :  
but in the great water-floods they shall not come  
nigh him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me  
from trouble : thou shalt compass me about with  
songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein  
thou shalt go : and I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no  
understanding : whose mouths must be held  
with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly : but whoso  
putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him  
on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord :  
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

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 Song of Solomon.

The song of songs, which is Solomon's.

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

Because of the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.

Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, as the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.

Look not upon me, because I am black, because the sun hath looked upon me: my mother's children were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the vineyards; but mine own vineyard have I not kept.

Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?

If thou know not, O thou fairest among women, go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.

I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.

Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels, thy neck with chains of gold.

We will make thee borders of gold with studs of silver.

While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.

A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me; he shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.

My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi.

Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.

Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed is green.

The beams of our house are cedar, and our rafters of fir.

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Second 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 First Epistle of John.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4: 7-12

*All stand for the* **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Second 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

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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*

My beloved spake (1938)

My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up,  
my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo,  
the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the  
singing of birds is come, and the voice of the  
turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth  
forth her green figs, and the vines with the  
tender grape give a good smell. Arise, My love,  
my fair one, and come away.

Words: Song of Solomon 2, vv. 10–13

Music: Patrick Hadley (1899–1973)

## THE ADDRESS

People of the Old Testament

Lover and Beloved

Professor Angela Leighton FBA

*Professor of English & Senior Research Fellow,  
Trinity College*

*All stand for the HYMN*

NEH 67

AUS DER TIEFE

**Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild,  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted and yet undefiled.**

**Sunbeams scorching all the day,  
chilly dewdrops nightly shed,  
prowling beasts about thy way,  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.**

**Let us thine endurance share,  
and awhile from joys abstain,  
with thee watching unto prayer,  
strong with thee to suffer pain.**

**And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint nor fail.**

**So shall we have peace divine,  
holier gladness ours shall be,  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.**

**Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side,  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.**

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822–70)  
and Francis Pott (1832–1909)  
Music: *Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch* (1676)

## **THE BLESSING**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

## **VOLUNTARY**

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686      Bach

## **THIS TERM'S CHARITIES**

### **Kings Hedges Family Support Centre**

The Family Support Centre provides crucial support to families in need in Cambridge, a city with some of the highest wealth disparity in the UK. They offer play sessions for families with children under five as well as help with lack of food, fuel insecurity, mental health, domestic abuse and child development. [khfsp.org.uk](http://khfsp.org.uk)

### **Practical Action**

An international NGO that uses technology to challenge poverty in developing countries. It enables communities to build on their skills and knowledge to produce sustainable and practical solutions to problems caused by climate change and environmental degradation. [practicalaction.org](http://practicalaction.org)

*For details of all events and activities, please see the  
Chaplains' weekly email.*

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER**

Ali Smith, Senior Fellow Commoner in the Creative Arts at Trinity, will be speaking on Job in the last of our series on the People of the Old Testament.

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