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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 31 October 2021

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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Kommst du nun, Jesu, von Himmel herunter,
BWV 650 (Bach)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662 (Bach)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 664 (Bach)

Prelude and Fugue in E \flat , 'St Anne',
BWV 552 (Bach)

*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.*

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

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

HYMN NEH 285 (i)

ENGLAND'S LANE

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**For thy Church that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
this pure sacrifice of love:**

Words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835–1917)

Music: Geoffrey Shaw (1879–1943)

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

McWilliam

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 150

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the
firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according
to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him
upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him
upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise
him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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 Acts.

They came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus. Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Acts 13: 14b–23, 26

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

in A,)

Rubbra

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 Book of Acts.

Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Acts 17: 16–28

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

in A,

Rubbra

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

Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; 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 Twelve (1964–65)

I Without arms or charm of culture,
Persons of no importance
From an unimportant Province,
They did as the Spirit bid,
Went forth into a joyless world
Of swords and rhetoric
To bring it joy.

When they heard the Word, some demurred,
some mocked, some were shocked: but many
were stirred and the Word spread. Lives long
dead were quickened to life; the sick were healed
by the Truth revealed; released into peace
from the gin of old sin, men forgot themselves
in the glory of the story told by the Twelve.

Then the Dark Lord, adored by this world,
perceived the threat of the Light to his might.
From his throne he spoke to his own. The
loud crowd, the sedate engines of State, were
moved by his will to kill. It was done. One by
one they were caught, tortured, and slain.

II O Lord, my God,
Though I forsake thee
Forsake me not,
But guide me as I walk
Through the Valley of Mistrust,
And let the cry of my disbelieving absence
Come unto thee,
Thou who declared unto Moses:
I SHALL BE THERE.

III Children play about the ancestral graves, for
the dead no longer walk. Excellent still in their
splendour are the antique statues: but can do
neither good nor evil. Beautiful still are the
starry heavens: but our fate is not written there.
Holy still is speech, but there is no sacred
tongue: the Truth may be told in all. Twelve as
the winds and the months are those who taught
us these things: envisaging each in an oval glory,
let us praise them all with a merry noise.

Words: W.H. Auden (1907–73)
Music: William Walton (1902–83)

THE ADDRESS

Learning Christianity:
Stories from the Book of Acts
'What Hath Athens to do with Jerusalem?'

The Revd Dr Olga Fabrikant-Burke
Chaplain

[David Roberts \(1796–1864\), *Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives*, April 8th 1839 \(lithograph, 1842\)](#)

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 197

SINE NOMINE

**For all the saints,
who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou wast their Rock,
their Fortress, and their Might;
thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**O blest communion!
fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle,
they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

Words: William Walsham How (1823–97)
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)
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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

Passacaglia in c, BWV 582

Bach

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Jonathan Torrance, Curate at the Church of the Good Shepherd Cambridge, will be speaking on *Because of this Hope* in our series on the Learning Christianity: Stories from the Book of Acts.

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