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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 8 May 2022

The Third Sunday after Easter

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

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The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.

The opening hymn will follow unannounced.

HYMN

NEH 119

VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst, and Jesus hath his foes dispersed; let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again, glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluya!

> Words: 17th C. Latin, tr. Francis Pott (1832–1909) Music: adapt. from Palestrina by William Henry Monk (1823–89)

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 43

- Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people : O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
- For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee : and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
- O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me : and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
- And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness : and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.
- Why art thou so heavy, O my soul : and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- O put thy trust in God : for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.
- 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.

Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom, nor have the knowledge of the holy. Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain. All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Octavi Toni

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 John.

Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Tone I

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

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Come out, Lazar (1984)

Come out, Lazar! Come out, Lazaro, what so befall. Then might not the fiend of hell Longer make that soule to dwell. So dreadful was that ilke cry To that feloun, our enemy. The kinges trumpet blew a blast; Come out! it said, be not aghast. With that voice the fiend gan quake, As doth the leaf when windes wake. 'Come out' is now a wonder soun, It hath o'er come that foul feloun And all his careful company. For dread thereof they gunne cry; Yet is come out a wonder song, For it has broken the prison strong. Fetters, chains, and bondes mo That wroughten wretched soules woe. Come out! That kinges voice so free It maketh the devil and death to flee. Say me now thou serpent sly Is not? Come out! an asper cry? 'Come out' is a word of battle, For it gan helle soon t'assail. Why stoppest thou not, fiend, thine ear? That this word enter not there? He that said that word of might, Shop him felly to the fight. For with that word he won the field Withouten spear, withouten shield, And brought them out of prison strong, That were enholden there with wrong. Tell now, tyrant, where is thy might? 'Come out' hath felled it all with fight.

> Words: 14th century English Music: Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

THE ADDRESS

Christianity and the Future of Prisons

Frances Crook former Chief Executive of the Howard League for Penal Reform

All stand for the **HYMN** NEH 107

VULPIUS

Good Christian men, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King: to all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen for ay: bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that Love, that Life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

> Words: Cyril Argentine Alington (1872–1955) Music: Vulpius' Gesangbuch (Jena 1609) harm. Henry Ley (1887–1962) CCLI Licence No. 176476 / 808452

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Final from Symphony No. 1, Op. 14

Vierne

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign

A local charity run by volunteers and supporting the resettlement of refugees in the Cambridge area. The campaign provides a range of practical support from running English classes and social events to seeking out private landlords and sourcing furniture. www.cambridgerefugees.org

Refugee Council

Founded in 1951, the Refugee Council is a leading charity working with refugees and people seeking asylum in the UK. It works with over 13,000 people a year seeking safety from conflict, violence and persecution. **refugeecouncil.org.uk**

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd John Summers, Chaplain, will be speaking on Christianity and the Future of Politics. *www.trinitycollegechapel.com*