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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 15 May 2022

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

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

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This evening we welcome visitors from The Worshipful Company of Founders The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.

The opening hymn will follow unannounced.

HYMN NEH 124

ST FULBERT

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ, the paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent's head; and brought with him, from death's domains the long-imprisoned dead.

Triumphant in his glory now his sceptre ruleth all; earth, heaven and hell before him bow and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing, his mercy we implore, into his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory, Holy Ghost to thee, while endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

> Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) trans. Robert Campbell (1814–68) Music: Henry John Gauntlett (1805–76)

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 78: 1-8

Hear my law, O my people : incline your ears unto the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable : I will declare hard sentences of old;

Which we have heard and known: and such as our fathers have told us;

That we should not hide them from the children of the generations to come: but to shew the honour of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that he hath done.

He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a law: which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children;

That their posterity might know it : and the children which were yet unborn;

To the intent that when they came up: they might shew their children the same;

That they might put their trust in God: and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments.

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 Genesis.

And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11: 1-9

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Primi toni Victoria

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 St Paul's Epistle to the Philippians.

If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3: 4b-12

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Tone I

Plainsong

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 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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

Quomodo cantabimus

Quomodo cantabimus canticum Domini in terra aliena? Si oblitus fuero tui, Jerusalem oblivioni detur dextera mea. Adhæreat lingua mea faucibus meis, si non meminero tui. Si non proposuero Jerusalem in principio lætitiæ meæ. Memor esto, Domine, filiorum Edom, in die Jerusalem.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land? If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy. Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem.

Words: Psalm 137, vv. 4–7 Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

THE ADDRESS

Christianity and the Future of Politics

The Revd John Summers, Chaplain

All stand for the HYMN

Come, labour on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, 'Go work today'.

Come, labour on.

The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

Come, labour on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here: by feeblest agents may our God fulfil his righteous will.

Come, labour on.

Claim the high calling angels cannot share to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

Come, labour on.

No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, 'Servants, well done!'

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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

Prelude and Fugue in a, BWV 543

Bach

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 Anne Strauss, Temporary Chaplain, will be speaking on Christianity and the Future of the Planet.

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