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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 30 April 2023

The Third Sunday after Easter

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Andrew Lumsden
Winchester Cathedral

Concerto in d, BWV 596 (Bach)

O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross,
BWV 622 (Bach)

Prelude and Fugue in b, BWV 544 (Bach)

*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. You
may be identifiable as in attendance at the service.*

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

HYMN NEH 352

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne – the Infinite!
who lives – and loves – and saves.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94)
Music: George Elvey (1816–93)

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 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 Second Book of Maccabees.

The mother was especially admirable and worthy of honourable memory. Though she saw her seven sons perish within a single day, she bore it with good courage because of her hope in the Lord. She encouraged each of them in the language of their fathers. Filled with a noble spirit, she fired her woman's reasoning with a man's courage, and said to them, "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws."

Antiochus felt that he was being treated with contempt, and he was suspicious of her reproachful tone. The youngest brother being still alive, Antiochus not only appealed to him in words, but promised with oaths that he would make him rich and enviable if he would turn from the ways of his fathers, and that he would take him for his friend and entrust him with public affairs. Since the young man would not listen to him at all, the king called the mother to him and urged her to advise the youth to save himself. After much urging on his part, she undertook to persuade her son. But, leaning close to him, she spoke in their native tongue as follows, deriding the cruel tyrant: "My son, have pity on me. I carried you nine months in my womb, and nursed you for three years, and have reared you and brought you up to this point in your life, and have taken care of you. I beseech you, my child, to look at the heaven and the earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that existed. Thus also mankind comes into being. Do not fear this butcher, but prove worthy of your brothers. Accept death, so that in God's mercy I may get you back again with your brothers."

2 Maccabees 7: 20–29

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Gloucester Service

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, 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 Passion of Perpetua and Felicity*.

After a few days we were taken into the prison. I was terrified because I had never before known such darkness. Oh cruel day! The crowding of the mob made the heat stifling; and there was the extortion of the soldiers. Last of all, I was consumed with worry for my infant in that dungeon. Then Tertius and Pomponius, the blessed deacons who ministered to us, arranged by a bribe that we should be released for a few hours to revive ourselves in a better part of the prison. Then all left the prison and sought some time for themselves. I nursed my baby, who was now weak from hunger. In my worry for him, I spoke to my mother concerning the baby and comforted my brother. I entrusted my son to them. I suffered grievously when I saw how they suffered for me. I endured such worry for many days, and I arranged for my baby to stay in prison with me. Immediately I grew stronger, and I was relieved of the anxiety and worry I had for my baby. Suddenly the prison became my palace, so that I wanted to be there rather than anywhere else. [...]

On another day, while we were eating lunch, we were suddenly rushed off for a hearing. We arrived at the forum and immediately a rumour circulated throughout the neighbourhood surrounding the forum, and a huge crowd had gathered. We climbed the platform. The others, having been questioned, confessed. Then they came to me. And my father appeared in that very place with my son and dragged me from the step saying: 'Offer the sacrifice. Have pity on your baby.' And Hilarianus, the procurator, who at that time had received the right of the sword on the death of proconsul Minucius Timinianus, said: 'Spare the gray hair of your father, spare your infant son. Offer the sacrifice for the health of the emperors.' 'I will not,' I answered. Hilarianus then said: 'Are you a Christian?' 'I am a Christian,' I replied. And when my father persisted in his efforts to change my mind, Hilarianus ordered him to be thrown to the ground and beaten with a rod. My father's suffering made me sad, almost as if I had been beaten. I grieved for his pitiable old age. Then Hilarianus pronounced sentence on us all and condemned us to the beasts. And we descended the platform and returned cheerfully to prison. But because my baby had become accustomed to nurse at my breasts and to stay with me in prison, I immediately sent Pomponius, the deacon, to ask my father for the child. But my father would not give him back. And as God willed, the baby no longer desired my breasts, nor did they ache and become inflamed, so that I might not be tormented by worry for my child or by the pain in my breasts.

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

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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, 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 King.
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

Geistliches Lied, Op. 30 (1856)

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauern mit Trauern,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein
Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?
Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das
Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt
das Beste.

*Let nothing make you sad or regretful, be still; as
God wishes it, let your will accept it. Why worry
today about sorrow tomorrow? There is one who
watches over you and gives to you your part. In all
your doings be steadfast, never waver; what God
ordains will be, and is the best for you.*

Words: Paul Fleming (1609–40)
Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

THE ADDRESS

Christian Voices from Prison
Perpetua's Prison Diary

Dr Sophie Lunn-Rockcliffe

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and Religious Studies, Peterhouse, Cambridge*

All stand for the HYMN

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QUITTING POWER

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the Cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**Priestly King, enthroned for ever,
high in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.**

**So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:
Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!**

Words: Michael Saward (1932–2015)

Music: John Barnard (b. 1948)

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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

Fugue in D, BWV 532

Bach

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

The Red Hen Project

A hyper-local Cambridge charity working directly with families, promoting positive, confident parenting and cooperative relationships between schools and families. www.redhenproject.org

Tearfund

An international aid organisation supporting those in poverty and providing disaster relief for disadvantaged communities. www.tearfund.org

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 2 May • 5.30 pm • Joint Choral Evensong
with King's College Choir (at King's)**

Sunday 7 May • 6.15 pm

Service to mark the Coronation of King Charles III

EVENTS THIS WEEK

*All members of the College community are welcome
at the following events*

Card Games and Crafternoons

Fridays • 1.15–3.00 pm • H2 New Court

Crafts, cards and a big jigsaw – what could be more relaxing in exam term? Especially when we throw in cake. Drop in with or without your knitting/crochet/embroidery project. Learn new skills from expert crafters, or just have a go at our fiendish jigsaw. *Anne*

Women's Bible Study

Sundays • 4.30–5.30 pm • H2 New Court

A friendly group of women ranging from undergrads to grannies! Join us for discussion, tea, cake and colouring (children are welcome when accompanied by mum). *Anne*

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