

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 23 November 2023

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

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VOLUNTARY

Gabriel's Dance

Michael Bedford

INTROIT sung from the Ante-Chapel

Gabriel's Message (1991)

Gloria! The angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame; 'All hail,' said he, 'Thou lowly maiden, Mary, Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

'For known a blessèd mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honour thee, Thy son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold, Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, 'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said. 'My soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.' Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, 'Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

> Words: Basque Christmas carol Music: Jonathan Rathbone (b. 1957)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES Rose

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.

All sit for PSALM 114

When Israel came out of Egypt: and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,

Judah was his sanctuary: and Israel his dominion. The sea saw that, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams :

and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest: and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord at the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water : and the flint-stone into a springing well.

Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Daniel 9: 20-end (NRSV p. 891)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Short Service Gibbons

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...

All sit for the SECOND LESSON Revelation 12: 7-end (NRSV p. 1226)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Short Service Gibbons

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...

All turn East and say the APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

and the dead.

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

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day; / I would my true love did so chance / To see the legend of my play, / To call my true love to my dance; / Sing O my love, O my love,/ This have I done for my true love.

Then was I born of a virgin pure, / Of her I took fleshly substance/ Thus was I knit to man's nature/ To call my true love to my dance. / This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was, / So very poor, this was my chance/ Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass/ To call my true love to my dance. / Sing O my love...

Then afterwards baptized I was; / The Holy Ghost on me did glance, / My Father's voice heard from above, / To call my true love to my dance. / Sing O my love...

Into the desert I was led, / Where I fasted without substance; / The Devil bade me make stones my bread, / To have me break my true love's dance.

For thirty pence Judas me sold, / His covetousness for to advance: / 'Mark whom I kiss, the same do hold!' / The same is he shall lead the dance. / This have I done for my true love.

Before Pilate the Jews me brought, / Where Barabbas had deliverance; / They scourgèd me and set me at nought, / Judged me to die to lead the dance. / This have I done for my true love.

Then on the cross hangèd I was, / Where a spear my heart did glance; / There issued forth both water and blood, / To call my true love to my dance.

Then down to hell I took my way/ For my true love's deliverance, / And rose again on the third day, / Up to my true love and the dance. / Sing O my love...

Then up to heaven I did ascend, / Where now I dwell in sure substance/ On the right hand of God, that man/ May come into the general dance. / Sing O my love...

Words: Traditional English Music: James Burton (b. 1974)

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 12

WINCHESTER NEW

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast, and furnished for so great a guest! Yea, let us each our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward; without thy grace our souls must fade, and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore, and make us rise, to fall no more; once more upon thy people shine, and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free, whom, with the Father, we adore, and Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749) trans. John Chandler (1808–76) Music: adapt. from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* (Hamburg 1690)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess; please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary

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Carillon

David Bedford