

CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 29 February 2024

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

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VOLUNTARY

Wo soll ich fliehen hin, BWV 646

Bach

INTROIT sung from the Ante-Chapel

Abendlied, Op. 69, No. 3

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Abide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

Words: Luke 24 v. 29 Music: Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES Martin

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 143

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgement with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.

I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.

Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust: shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto thee to hide me.

Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God: let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake: and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

And of thy goodness slay mine enemies: and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Jeremiah 9: 12-19

(NRSV p. 653)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Service in F

Dyson

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

John 7: 1–13 (NRSV p. 95)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in F

Dyson

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 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.

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

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE
THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

Wie liegt die Stadt so wüst (1945)

Wie liegt die Stadt so wüst, die voll Volks war! Alle ihre Tore stehen öde. Wie liegen die Steine des Heiligtums vorn auf allen Gassen zerstreut. Er hat ein Feuer aus der Höhe in meine Gebeine gesandt und es lassen walten. Ist das die Stadt, von der man sagt, sie sei die allerschönste, der sich das ganze Land freuet? Sie hätte nicht gedacht, daß es ihr zuletzt so gehen würde; sie ist ja zu greulich heruntergestoßen und hat dazu niemand, der sie tröstet. Darum ist unser Herz betrübt und unsere Augen sind finster geworden: Warum willst du unser so gar vergessen und uns lebenslang so gar verlassen! Bringe uns, Herr, wieder zu dir, daß wir wieder heimkommen! Erneue unsere Tage wie vor alters. Herr, siehe an mein Elend!

How lonely sits the city that was full of people! All her gates are desolate. How the stones of her sanctuary lie Scattered at the head of every street. He sent fire from on high; into my bones he made it descend. Is this the city which was called the most beautiful, that in which the whole land rejoices? She had not thought that this would be her final end; therefore her fall is terrible, and she has no one to comfort her. This is why our heart has become sick, These things have caused our eyes to grow dim. Why do you forget us for ever, why do you so long forsake us? Bring us, O Lord, back to you, that we come home again! Renew our days as of old. O Lord, behold my affliction!

Words: Verses from the Book of Lamentations Music: Rudolf Mauersberger (1889–1971)

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 76

BRESLAU

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight fill thy weak spirit with alarm; his strength shall bear thy spirit up, and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ, nor think till death to lay it down; for only he who bears the cross may hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, all praise for evermore ascend; O grant us in our home to see the heavenly life that knows no end.

Words: Charles Everest (1814–77) Music: Melody from *As Hymnodus Sacer* (Leipzig 1625) arr. Felix Mendelssohn (1809–47)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess.

VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622