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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 11 February 2024

The Sunday Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Steven Grahl (Trinity College)

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547 (Bach)

The Tender Branch (Samuel) World Premiere

Master Tallis's Testament (Howells)

Sinfonia from Cantata 29 (Bach arr. Dupré)

*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 339

SLANE

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: 8th C. Irish, trans. Mary Byrne (1880–1931)
and versified Eleanor Hull (1860–1935)

Music: traditional Irish melody, harm. Erik Routley (1917–82)

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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

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.

The congregation sits for PSALM 60

O God, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us
abroad : thou hast also been displeased; O turn
thee unto us again.

Thou hast moved the land, and divided it :
heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.

Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things :
thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.

Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee :
that they may triumph because of the truth.

Therefore were thy beloved delivered :
help me with thy right hand, and hear me.

God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice, and
divide Sichem : and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine : Ephraim also
is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my
shoe : Philistia, be thou glad of me.

Who will lead me into the strong city :
who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou cast us out, O God :
wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?

O be thou our help in trouble :
for vain is the help of man.

Through God will we do great acts :
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of
the field which the Lord God had made. And he said
unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not
eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said
unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees
of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in
the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not
eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the
serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely
die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat
thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall
be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the
woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that
it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to
make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did
eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and
he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened,
and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed
fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Genesis 3: 1-7, 22-24

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Service in b

Noble

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**

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever. And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Revelation 22: 1-7

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Service in b Noble
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

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings
without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy
Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent
gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all
virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted
dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus
Christ's sake. 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

Dear Night (2021)

Dear night! this world's defeat;
the stop to busy fools; care's check and curb;
the day of Spirits; my soul's calm retreat
which none disturb!

Christ's progress, and His prayer time;
the hours to which high heaven doth chime.

God's silent, searching flight;
when my Lord's head is filled with dew, and all
His locks are wet with the clear drops of night;
His still, soft call;
His knocking time; the soul's dumb watch,
when spirits their fair kindred catch.

Were all my loud, evil days
Calm and unhaunted as is thy dark Tent,
Whose peace but by some seldom angel's wing or
voice
Is seldom rent;
then I in Heaven all the long year
would keep, and never wander here.

There is in God (some say),
a deep but dazzling darkness, as men here
say it is late and dusky, because they
see not all clear.

O for that night! where I in Him
might live invisible and dim.

Words: Henry Vaughn (1621–1695)

Music: Rhian Samuel (b. 1944)

THE ADDRESS

Life in Abundance

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All stand for the HYMN

NEH 408 (i)

BLAENWERN

**Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)
Music: William Rowlands (1860–1937)

THE BLESSING

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccatà, Adagio and Fugue in C, BWV 564 Bach

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

Homestart Cambridgeshire

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homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

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