

CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 14 May 2024

Eve of St Matthias

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

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Concerto in d, BWV 596 - Largo e spiccato

INTROIT sung from the Ante-Chapel

Justorum animæ

Justorum animæ in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori: illi autem sunt in pace.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there no torment shall touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: but they are in peace.

Words: Wisdom of Solomon 3 vv. 1–3 (Offertory for All Saints' Day) Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES

Byrd

Bach

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 73: 1-14

Truly God is loving unto Israel : even unto such as are of a clean heart. Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings had well-nigh slipt. And why? I was grieved at the wicked : I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity. For they are in no peril of death : but are lusty and strong. They come in no misfortune like other folk : neither are they plagued like other men. And this is the cause that they are so holden with pride : and overwhelmed with cruelty. Their eyes swell with fatness : and they do even what they lust. They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy : their talking is against the most High. For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven : and their tongue goeth through the world. Therefore fall the people unto them : and thereout suck they no small advantage. Tush, say they, how should God perceive it : is there knowledge in the most High? Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world, and these have riches in possession : and I said, Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed mine hands in innocency. All the day long have I been punished : and chastened every morning. Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then I should have condemned the generation of thy children. 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

1 Samuel 16: 1–13a (NRSV p. 246)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

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Purcell

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 Matt

Matthew 7: 15–27 (NRSV p. 7)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

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Purcell

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

O Almighty God, who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles: Grant that thy Church, being always preserved from false Apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino

Gaudeamus omnes in Domino diem festum celebrantes sub honore Sanctorum omnium: de quorum solemnitate gaudent angeli, et collaudant Filium Dei.

Exsultate iusti in Domino: rectos decet collaudatio. Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Let us all rejoice in the Lord celebrating the feast in honour of all the saints, in which solemnity the angels rejoice, while the Archangels praise the Son of God. Ring out your joy to the lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

> Words: Gradualia ac cantiones sacrae, 3–5 vv. Liber primus Music: William Byrd (1540–1623)

All sit or kneel for the **PRAYERS**

All stand for the HYMN

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IACKSON

The highest and the holiest place guards not the heart from sin; the Church that safest seems without may harbour foes within.

Within that small and chosen band belov'd above the rest, one fell from his apostleship, a traitor soul unblest.

But ne'er the great designs of God man's sin shall overthrow; a better witness to the truth forth to the lands shall go.

Matthias was the chosen one— God's purpose cannot fail the word of grace no less shall sound, the truth no less prevail.

Righteous, O Lord, are all thy ways: long as the worlds endure, from foes without and foes within preserve thy Church secure.

> Words: Henry Alford (1810–71) Music: Thomas Jackson (1715–81)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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

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Concerto in d, BWV 596 - Finale