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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 5 May 2024

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Peter Dyke (Hereford Cathedral) Postlude in D minor, Op. 105 No. 6 (Stanford) Verse (Tomkins) Chanson de nuit (Elgar arr. Brewer) Erschienen ist der herrlich' Tag (Smyth) Wies Gott gefällt, so gefällt mirs auch (Krippner) Choral Song and Fugue (Wesley)

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

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HYMN

NEH 115

NOEL NOUVELET

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, thinking that never he would wake again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, he that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, thy touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872–1958) Music: Old French melody, harm. Martin Shaw (1875–1958) CCLI Licence Nos 176476 / 808452

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

Leighton

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 27

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.
- Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.
- One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.
- For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.
- And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.
- Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.
- Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.
- My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
- O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.
- Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.
- Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.
- Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such as speak wrong.
- I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
- O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in 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 *Centuries of Meditations* by Thomas Traherne

Miraculous are the effects of Divine Wisdom. He loveth every one, maketh every one infinitely happy and is infinitely happy in every one. He giveth all the world to me, He giveth it to every one in giving it to all, and giveth it wholly to me in giving it to every one for everyone's sake. He is infinitely happy in every one as many times therefore as there are happy persons He is infinitely happy. Every one is infinitely happy in every one, every one therefore is as many times infinitely happy as there are happy persons. He is infinitely happy above all their happiness in comprehending all. And I, comprehending His and theirs, am Oh, how happy! Here is love! Here is a kingdom! Where all are knit in infinite unity. All are happy in each other. All are like Deities. Every one the end of all things, everyone supreme, every one a treasure, and the joy of all, and every one most infinitely delighted in being so. All things are ever joys for every one's sake and infinitely richer to every one for the sake of all. The same thing is multiplied by being enjoyed. And He that is greatest is most my treasure. This is the effect of making Images, and by all their love is every Image infinitely exalted. Comprehending in his nature all Angels, all Cherubims, all Seraphims, all Worlds, all Creatures, and God over all Blessed for ever.

The Works of Thomas Traherne, vol. I, 74

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Service in D

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...

Dyson

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Book of Revelation

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21: 1-6, 22-27

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Service in D

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, 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, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform 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

O Sing Unto the Lord (1999)

O sing unto the Lord a new song: make a joyful noise all the earth, make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp; and the harp and the voice of a psalm. With a voice of a psalm. With trumpets, and the sound of cornet, make joyful noise before the Lord, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the heavens rejoice. Let the floods clap their hands: and let the hills be joyful together. Before the Lord, for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and people with equity.

Words: Psalms 96 & 98 Music: Julian Anderson (b. 1967)

THE ADDRESS

Theological Reflections on God, Time and Eternity Time as 'the Frontispiece of Eternity' (Thomas Traherne)

Professor Ben Quash, Professor of Christianity and the Arts, King's College London

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 120

MACCABAEUS

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,

for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife, make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;

bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Words: Edmond Budry (1854–1932) tr. Richard Hoyle (1875–1939) Music: George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

THE BLESSING

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

organ voluntary

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in e, 'The Wedge', BWV 548

Bach

THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

British Red Cross: Israel and Occupied Palestinian Territory Appeal

Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies are giving life-saving relief, working to get aid trucks across the Rafah border and providing emergency medical services. The ICRC provides humanitarian assistance as required on both sides and advocates on behalf of hostages held in Gaza. The neutrality of the Red Cross is what allows it to access communities, gain trust and get help to where it's needed most. **redcross.org.uk**

Re-Engage

This umbrella charity connects isolated people aged 75 and older with local groups like the one in Cambridge. Volunteer drivers collect older guests and take them to a venue where they'll share tea, cake and companionship. Through Trinity Engage, with help from our students, we are hosting regular tea parties here at Trinity. **reengage.org.uk**

For details of all events and activities, please see the Chaplains' weekly email.