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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 26 October 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Dr Anthony Gritten (Royal Academy of Music)

Duretez Fantaisie (Couperin)

Cinq Versets sur Veni Creator (Roth)

Ex More Docti Mistico (Tallis)

Ave Rosa Sine Spinis: A Marian Meditation after
Tallis (Morgan)

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547 (Bach)

*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.*

All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.

HYMN

NEH 433

HANOVER

**O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of days,
pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.**

**O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder-clouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
almighty, thy power hath founded of old:
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.**

Words: Robert Grant (1779–1838)
Music: William Croft (1678–1727)

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.

All sit for **PSALM 119: 145-160** Bernard Rose

I call with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will
keep thy statutes.

Yea, even unto thee do I call : help me, and I shall
keep thy testimonies.

Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy
word is my trust.

Mine eyes prevent the night-watches : that I might
be occupied in thy words.

Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-
kindness : quicken me, according as thou art
wont.

They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and
are far from thy law.

Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy
commandments are true.

As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long
since : that thou hast grounded them for ever.

O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do
not forget thy law.

Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me,
according to thy word.

Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not
thy statutes.

Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art
wont.

Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me :
yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because
they keep not thy law.

Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments :
O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

Thy word is true from everlasting : all the
judgements of thy righteousness endure for
evermore.

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 the Prophet
Habbakkuk.

What use is an idol once its maker has shaped it — a cast image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in what has been made, though the product is only an idol that cannot speak! Alas for you who say to the wood, “Wake up!” to silent stone, “Rouse yourself!” Can it teach? See, it is gold and silver plated, and there is no breath in it at all. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!

O Lord, I have heard of your renown, and I stand in awe, O Lord, of your work. In our own time revive it; in our own time make it known; in wrath may you remember mercy. God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden.

NRSV Habbakkuk 2:18–3:4

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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, 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 sit for the **SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy.

For we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the profane chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge; by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith.

NRSV 1 Timothy 6: 7–12, 17–21

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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 God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able
to please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

One foot in Eden still, I stand (1990)

One foot in Eden still, I stand
And look across the other land.
The world's great day is growing late,
Yet strange these fields that we have planted
So long with crops of love and hate.
Time's handiworks by time are haunted,
And nothing now can separate
The corn and tares compactly grown.
The armorial weed in stillness bound
About the stalk; these are our own.
Evil and good stand thick around
In fields of charity and sin
Where we shall lead our harvest in.

Yet still from Eden springs the root
As clean as on the starting day.
Time takes the foliage and the fruit
And burns the archetypal leaf
To shapes of terror and of grief
Scattered along the winter way.
But famished field and blackened tree
Bear flowers in Eden never known.
Blossoms of grief and charity
Bloom in these darkened fields alone.
What had Eden ever to say
Of hope and faith and pity and love
Until was buried all its day
And memory found its treasure trove?
Strange blessings never in Paradise
Fall from these beclouded skies.

Words: Edwin Muir (1887–1959)
Music: Nicholas Maw (1935–2009)

THE ADDRESS

Living Well in the World: Working

The Revd Sophie Young, Chaplain

All stand for the **HYMN**

NEH 420

WOLVERCOTE

Words: John Bode (1816–74)

Music: William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

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THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

*Please remain quiet until the end of the
organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Ite, missa est, from Missa de Gloria, Op. 82 Leighton

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28 October

6.15 noon • Festal Evensong with Derby Cathedral

On the feast day of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles, the College Choir sing Evensong alongside Derby Cathedral Choir here in Chapel. All welcome.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Dr Sam Wells, Vicar of St-Martin-in-the-Fields in Trafalgar Square, will speak on 'Loving' as part of our series 'Living Well in the World'.

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