



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 2 June 2024
at 4.00pm

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong. Welcome if you are a regular worshipper and know the Minster well, and welcome if you are experiencing this building and this form of worship for the first time today.

We are grateful to Amici Coro for singing our services this weekend while the Choir of York Minster is on holiday.

Today's service will be live-streamed from the Minster. In this service we are immersed in the words of scripture, spoken and sung, and we are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God.



Information about this Service

- ◆ Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type and in singing the hymn.
- ◆ This service is being live-streamed, but care is taken to focus on the clergy and choir and not the congregation.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards.
- ◆ For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ◆ The Minster donates 10% of the cash and direct debits given by worshippers at this service to charity. We are currently supporting three charities: HOPE Africa, a charity which was initiated by our companion link dioceses in SA; Mustard Seed, a York Diocese based organisation which works in the poorest parts of our diocese; and a variety of Refugee charities based in the City of York. The rest of the money given at this service is used to support the mission and ministry of York Minster. Thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ Donations can be made via the following QR code:



Order of Service

A bell is rung and prayers are said.

Please stand when the choir enters the Quire.

Preces

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;

Choir 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.

Music Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

Please sit for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria.

Psalmody

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me ♦ and fight thou
against them that fight against me.

Lay hand upon the shield and buckler ♦ and stand up to help me.

Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me ♦ say
unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul ♦ let them be
turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief for me.

Let them be as the dust before the wind ♦ and the angel of the Lord scattering
them.

Let their way be dark and slippery ♦ and let the angel of the Lord persecute
them.

For they have privily laid their net to destroy me without a cause ♦ yea, even
without a cause have they made a pit for my soul.

Let a sudden destruction come upon him unawares, and his net, that he hath laid
privily, catch himself ♦ that he may fall into his own mischief.

And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord ♦ it shall rejoice in his salvation.

All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor from
him that is too strong for him ♦ yea, the poor, and him that is in misery, from
him that spoileth him?

Please stand.

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.

PSALM 35.1–10

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
look around and take note!

Search its squares and see
if you can find one person

who acts justly
and seeks truth—

so that I may pardon Jerusalem.

Although they say, ‘As the Lord lives’,
yet they swear falsely.

O Lord, do your eyes not look for truth?

You have struck them,
but they felt no anguish;

you have consumed them,
but they refused to take correction.

They have made their faces harder than rock;
they have refused to turn back.

Then I said, ‘These are only the poor,
they have no sense;

for they do not know the way of the Lord,
the law of their God.

Let me go to the rich
and speak to them;
surely they know the way of the Lord,

the law of their God.'
 But they all alike had broken the yoke,
 they had burst the bonds.
 Therefore a lion from the forest shall kill them,
 a wolf from the desert shall destroy them.
 A leopard is watching against their cities;
 everyone who goes out of them shall be torn in pieces—
 because their transgressions are many,
 their apostasies are great.
 How can I pardon you?
 Your children have forsaken me,
 and have sworn by those who are no gods.
 When I fed them to the full,
 they committed adultery
 and trooped to the houses of prostitutes.
 They were well-fed lusty stallions,
 each neighing for his neighbour's wife.
 Shall I not punish them for these things? says the Lord;
 and shall I not bring retribution
 on a nation such as this?
 Go up through her vine-rows and destroy,
 but do not make a full end;
 strip away her branches,
 for they are not the Lord's.
 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
 have been utterly faithless to me, says the Lord.
 They have spoken falsely of the Lord,
 and have said, 'He will do nothing.
 No evil will come upon us,
 and we shall not see sword or famine.'
 The prophets are nothing but wind,
 for the word is not in them.
 Thus shall it be done to them!
 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts:
 Because they have spoken this word,
 I am now making my words in your mouth a fire,
 and this people wood, and the fire shall devour them.
 I am going to bring upon you
 a nation from far away, O house of Israel, says the Lord.
 It is an enduring nation,
 it is an ancient nation,

a nation whose language you do not know,
nor can you understand what they say.
Their quiver is like an open tomb;
all of them are mighty warriors.
They shall eat up your harvest and your food;
they shall eat up your sons and your daughters;
they shall eat up your flocks and your herds;
they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees;
they shall destroy with the sword
your fortified cities in which you trust.

But even in those days, says the Lord, I will not make a full end of you. And when your people say, 'Why has the Lord our God done all these things to us?' you shall say to them, 'As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.'

Here ends the First Lesson.

JEREMIAH 5.1-19

Please stand.

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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.

Words LUKE 1. 46-55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN F, John Ireland (1879-1962)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then should we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, 'You shall not covet.' But sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died, and the very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, working death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ROMANS 7.7-25

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

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.

Words LUKE 2. 29–32

Music EVENING SERVICE IN F, John Ireland

Please remain standing and turn to face east.

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 catholic Church;

the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lesser Litany and Responses

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

Music Richard Ayleward

Please sit.

Anthem

O Lorde, the maker of al thing,
We pray thee nowe in this evening
Us to defende, through thy mercy,
From al deceite of our enemy.

Let neither us deluded be,
Good Lorde, with dreame or phantasy,
Oure hearte wakyng in thee thou kepe,
That we in sinne fal not on slepe.

O Father, throughe thy blessed Sonne,
Grant us this oure peticion,
To whom with the Holy Ghost alwaies,
In heaven and yearth be laude and praise.

Words Henry VIII

Music John Joubert (1927–2019)

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Maggie McLean, Missioner

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth,
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

Words NEH 407, Sir Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)

Tune RAVENSHAW, NEH 407, Medieval German melody
adapted by William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Please remain as quiet as possible as the choir processes out and says the final prayer; this is followed by the organ voluntary which concludes the service.

Voluntary

Psalm-Prelude, Set 1, No 3

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

There will be an opportunity to make a donation to support the music, ministry and mission of York Minster as you leave.