



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 7 April 2024
at 4.00pm

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong. We are grateful to The Singers, Newcastle for singing our services this weekend while the Choir of York Minster is on holiday.

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.

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.

Music William Smith (c 1603–1645)

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

Psalmody

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land ♦ thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people ♦ and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure ♦ and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour ♦ and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever ♦ and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us ♦ that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord ♦ and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me ♦ for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him ♦ that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together ♦ righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth ♦ and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness ♦ and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him ♦ and he shall direct his going in the way.

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 85

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah:

We have a strong city;

he sets up victory

like walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates,

so that the righteous nation that keeps faith

may enter in.

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—

in peace because they trust in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever,

for in the Lord God

you have an everlasting rock.

For he has brought low

the inhabitants of the height;

the lofty city he lays low.

He lays it low to the ground,

casts it to the dust.

The foot tramples it,

the feet of the poor,

the steps of the needy.

The way of the righteous is level;

O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous.

In the path of your judgements,

O Lord, we wait for you;

your name and your renown

are the soul's desire.

My soul yearns for you in the night,

my spirit within me earnestly seeks you.

For when your judgements are in the earth,

the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise.

O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!

For your dew is a radiant dew,

and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

Here ends the First Lesson.

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 I. 46–55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN C, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Luke.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 24.1-12

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 C, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford

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

Almighty Father, who hast given thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same thy Son 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 William Smith

Please sit.

Anthem

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum: irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God:
a priceless and unblemished sign of his presence.*

Words Gradual, Mass for the Dedication of a Church, Latin rite

Music Anton Bruckner (1824–96)

Sermon

The Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

Please stand.

Hymn



1. If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heaven:
his gospel meets a world of need —
in Christ we are forgiven.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —
in Christ the saints arise!

3. If Christ had not been truly raised
his church would live a lie;
his name should nevermore be praised,
his words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored:
his word endures, his Church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord.

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Tune KINGSFOLD, AM 204, melody from *English County Songs* (1893)
collected by John Alexander Fuller Maitland (1856–1936)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

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