



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 10 March 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.

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.
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- ◆ 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 sung.*

## Introit

Ad te, Domine, levavi animam meam;  
Deus meus, in te confido:  
non erubescam, [neque irrideant me inimici mei].

*Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul;  
my God, I have put my trust in thee:  
O let me not be confounded, [neither let mine enemies triumph over me].*

*Words* Psalm 25.1

*Music* Anna Semple (b 1997)

*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.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

*Music* Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b 1971)

*Please sit.*

## Presentation of a Duncombe Badge

*Robert Sharpe (Director of Music) and Edward Gawthorp (a Senior Chorister) stand before the Dean.*

*The Director of Music says:*

Mr Dean, I present to you Edward Gawthorp who is to be vested with a Duncombe Badge in recognition of his role as a Senior Chorister of this Cathedral Church.

*The Dean replies:*

Badges named after Augustus Duncombe, sometime Dean of York, are worn during worship as a mark of proficiency and seniority, and also as a sign of recognition by the Chapter, and the whole Minster Community, of the work done by our choristers.

*The Dean gives Edward a silver badge, saying:*

Edward may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and upon all that you do for his glory, and for the good of his Church.

*Those who have taken part in the ceremony return to their places, and Evensong continues as the choir sings the Psalms. Please remain seated until the final Gloria.*

## Psalmody

How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever ♦ how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart ♦ how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God ♦ lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him ♦ for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in thy mercy ♦ and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me ♦ yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

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 13

The fool hath said in his heart ♦ There is no God.

They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings ♦ there is none that doeth good, no not one.

The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men ♦ to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.

But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable ♦ there is none that doeth good, no not one.

Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief ♦ eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?

There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was ♦ for God is in the generation of the righteous.

As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor ♦ because he putteth his trust in the Lord.

Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people ♦ then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

*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 14

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

The First Lesson is from the Book of Exodus.

God spoke to Moses and said to him: 'I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name "The Lord" I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are holding as slaves, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the Israelites, "I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord."' Moses told this to the Israelites; but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land.' But Moses spoke to the Lord, 'The Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?' Thus the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, charging them to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

Here ends the First Lesson.

EXODUS 6.2-13

*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 E, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ROMANS 5.1-11

*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 E, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

*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

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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* Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

*Please sit.*

## **Anthem**

Ave, Virgo Sanctissima,  
Dei Mater piissima,  
maris stella clarissima.  
Salve, semper gloriosa,  
margarita pretiosa,  
sicut liliū formosa,  
nitens olens velut rosa,  
Amen.

*Hail, Holy Virgin,  
most blessed Mother of God,  
bright star of the sea.  
Hail, ever glorious,  
precious pearl,  
lovely as the lily,  
beautiful and perfumed as the rose.  
Amen.*

*Words* Latin antiphon.

*Music* Lucy Walker (b 1998)

## **Sermon**

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor

*Please stand.*

## Offertory Hymn



1. I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.

Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me—  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

2. I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.

Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.

3. He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me—  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Words* AM 671, Francis Harold Rowley (1854–1952) © HarperCollins Religious  
*Tune* HYFRYDOL, AM 671, Rowland Huw Prichard (1811–1887)

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Rhapsody No 3

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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