



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 11th August 2024
at 4.00pm

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong.

We are grateful to the Choir of St Bartholomew's Church, Penn for singing our services this week while the Choir of York Minster is on holiday.

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.

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 Humphrey Clucas (b 1941)

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

Psalmody

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the most High ♦
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold ♦
my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter ♦
and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers ♦
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night ♦
nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness ♦
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand ♦
but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold ♦
and see the reward of the ungodly.
For thou, Lord, art my hope ♦
thou hast set thine house of defence very high.
There shall no evil happen unto thee ♦
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over thee ♦
to keep thee in all thy ways.
They shall bear thee in their hands ♦
that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.
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 91.1-12

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Job.

Job said: 'Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.
'Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

‘The ostrich’s wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.
Do you give the horse its might?
Do you clothe its neck with mane?
Do you make it leap like the locust?
Its majestic snorting is terrible.
It paws violently, exults mightily;
it goes out to meet the weapons.
It laughs at fear, and is not dismayed;
it does not turn back from the sword.
Upon it rattle the quiver,
the flashing spear, and the javelin.
With fierceness and rage it swallows the ground;
it cannot stand still at the sound of the trumpet.
When the trumpet sounds, it says “Aha!”
From a distance it smells the battle,
the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

‘Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars,
and spreads its wings towards the south?
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
It lives on the rock and makes its home

in the fastness of the rocky crag.
From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
Its young ones suck up blood;
and where the slain are, there it is.'

And the Lord said to Job:
'Shall a fault-finder contend with the Almighty?
Anyone who argues with God must respond.'

Then Job answered the Lord:
'See, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?
I lay my hand on my mouth.'

Here ends the First Lesson.

JOB 39.1-40.4

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 taken from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

‘My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
or lose heart when you are punished by him;
for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves,
and chastises every child whom he accepts.’

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

HEBREWS 12.1–17

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

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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, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 Humphrey Clucas

Please sit.

Anthem

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace: whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for evermore.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace: whose mind is stayed on thee.

Words ISAIAH 26.3; PSALM 139.11; 1 JOHN 1.5; PSALM 119.175; MATTHEW 6.13

Music Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Sermon

The Reverend Canon Timothy Goode, Congregational Discipleship and Nurture

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 hold me with thy powerful hand:
 bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through:
 strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's Destruction
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Words NEH 368, William Williams (1717–1791)
translated from Welsh into English by Peter Williams (1727–1796) and others
Tune CWM RHONDDA, NEH 368, John Hughes (1873–1932)

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

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