



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 9 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.

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 sung.*

## Introit

O nata lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light, Jesu Redeemer of the world:  
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises  
of those who kneel before you.*

*You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost:  
make us members of your blessed body.*

*Words* Tenth-century Latin

*Music* Thomas Tallis (c 1505–1585)

*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* Matthew Martin (b 1976)

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

## Psalmody

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly ♦ neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass ♦ and be withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good ♦ dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord ♦ and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him ♦ and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light ♦ and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him ♦ but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure ♦ fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out ♦ and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone ♦ thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be away.

But the meek-spirited shall possess the earth ♦ and shall be refreshed in the multitude of peace.

*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 37.1-11

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

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

Thus says the Lord:  
Stand at the crossroads, and look,  
and ask for the ancient paths,  
where the good way lies; and walk in it,  
and find rest for your souls.  
But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'  
Also I raised up sentinels for you:  
'Give heed to the sound of the trumpet!'  
But they said, 'We will not give heed.'  
Therefore hear, O nations,  
and know, O congregation, what will happen to them.  
Hear, O earth; I am going to bring disaster on this people,  
the fruit of their schemes,  
because they have not given heed to my words;  
and as for my teaching, they have rejected it.  
Of what use to me is frankincense that comes from Sheba,  
or sweet cane from a distant land?  
Your burnt-offerings are not acceptable,  
nor are your sacrifices pleasing to me.  
Therefore thus says the Lord:  
See, I am laying before this people  
stumbling-blocks against which they shall stumble;  
parents and children together,  
neighbour and friend shall perish.

Here ends the First Lesson.

JEREMIAH 6.16-21

*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 B FLAT, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. For this is what the promise said, 'About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son.' Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, not by works but by his call) she was told, 'The elder shall serve the younger.' As it is written, 'I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ROMANS 9.1-13

*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 B FLAT, 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

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them who thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love: Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; 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* Matthew Martin

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Take him, earth, for cherishing,  
to thy tender breast receive him.  
Body of a man I bring thee,  
noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling,  
by the breath of God created.  
High the heart that here was beating,  
Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee,  
not unmindful of his creature  
shall he ask it: he who made it  
symbol of his mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed  
to fulfil the hope of men,  
then must thou, in very fashion  
what I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying  
wear away these bones to sand,  
ashes that a man might measure  
in the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle,  
drifting through the empty sky,  
scatter dust was nerve and sinew,  
is it given man to die.

Once again the shining road  
leads to ample Paradise;  
open are the woods again  
that the Serpent lost for men.

Take, O take him, mighty Leader,  
take again thy servant's soul,  
grave his name, and pour the fragrant  
balm upon the icy stone.

*Words* Prudentius (348–413) translated into English by Helen Waddell (1889–1965)

*Music* Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

## Sermon

The Reverend Canon Timothy Goode, Congregational Discipleship and Nurture

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*Words* NEH 252, John Ellerton (1826–1893)

*Tune* ST CLEMENT, NEH 252, Clement Scholefield (1839–1904)

*Please remain standing.*

## **The Blessing**

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

## **Voluntary**

Paeon

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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