



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

We are particularly pleased to welcome the Right Reverend John Thomson, Bishop of Selby, who will be commissioning Youth Discipleship Ambassadors for the Diocese of York during this service and our preacher the Reverend Canon Dr Ian McIntosh.



## 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* Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

*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* Philip Moore (b 1943)

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

## Psalmody

I said, I will take heed to my ways ♦ that I offend not in my tongue.

I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle ♦ while the ungodly is in my sight.

I held my tongue, and spake nothing ♦ I kept silence, yea, even from good words;  
but it was pain and grief to me.

My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled ♦ and  
at the last I spake with my tongue;

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days ♦ that I may be  
certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long ♦ and mine age is even as  
nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity.

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain ♦ he heapeth  
up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope ♦ truly my hope is even in thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences ♦ and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth ♦ for it was thy doing.

Take thy plague away from me ♦ I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy  
hand.

When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to  
consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment ♦ every man therefore  
is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling ♦ hold not thy  
peace at my tears.

For I am a stranger with thee ♦ and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength ♦ before I go hence, and be no  
more seen.

*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 39

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Prophecy of Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord.'

For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors for ever and ever.

Here you are, trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are safe!'—only to go on doing all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your sight? You know, I too am watching, says the Lord. Go now to my place that was in Shiloh, where I made my name dwell at first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things, says the Lord, and when I spoke to you persistently, you did not listen, and when I called you, you did not answer, therefore I will do to the house that is called by my name, in which you trust, and to the place that I gave to you and to your ancestors, just what I did to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, just as I cast out all your kinsfolk, all the offspring of Ephraim.

As for you, do not pray for this people, do not raise a cry or prayer on their behalf, and do not intercede with me, for I will not hear you.

Here ends the First Lesson.

JEREMIAH 7.1-16

*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 D MINOR, Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814–1856)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses,

'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.'

So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.

For the scripture says to Pharaoh, 'I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.'

So then he has mercy on whomsoever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomsoever he chooses.

You will say to me then, 'Why then does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?' But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is moulded say to the one who moulds it, 'Why have you made me like this?'

Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? What if God, desiring to show

his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; and what if he has done so in

order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— including us whom he has called, not from

the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea,

'Those who were not my people I will call "my people",

and her who was not beloved I will call "beloved".'

'And in the very place where it was said to them, "You are not my people",

there they shall be called children of the living God.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ROMANS 9.14-26

*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 D MINOR, Thomas Attwood Walmisley

*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, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; 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* Philip Moore

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end.  
Lord what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him: or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?  
Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow.  
Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.  
Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion, yea, the time is come, for it is time that thou have mercy upon her.  
Comfort us again, now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

*Words* Psalms 90: 1, 2, 15; 144: 3-4; 102: 12-13

*Music* Sir Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

*Please remain seated for the commissioning of Youth Discipleship Ambassadors.*

# The Commissioning

*Those being commissioned and their mentors stand in front of the Bishop of Selby.*

*GROW Leader* Bishop John, I present to you these young people to be commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors within the Diocese of York. They have prepared over several months, and have grown in their own faith through discerning a Rhythm of Life.

*Bishop* Faith is the gift of God to his people. In our faith in Christ, we are called to be people of prayer, to be shaped by scripture, and to belong in community through being part of the worshipping lives of God’s church. We are called to follow Christ in how we love one another, in the way we live generously, in how we share our faith with others, and in having healthy patterns of rest and recreation.

In being commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors, you are shaped by these holy practices as a shared Rhythm of Life. We trust that you are to share the gifts that God has given you, and use your faith, gifts and skills as a sphere of influence in the communities in which you belong. You will be a valued voice of young people within this diocese, contributing to shaping who we are as together we seek to Live Christ’s Story.

Therefore, I ask.

Do you wish to be commissioned as Youth Discipleship Ambassadors within the Diocese of York?

*Candidates* **We do.**

*Bishop* Will you continue to be people of prayer, seeking the ways you connect with God, praying for the needs of others, and creatively enabling others to pray?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you seek to be shaped by scripture, to learn more of God through the Bible, and reflect on how God’s storytelling shape who we are as people of God?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you play an active part in the worshipping life of the Church, seeking ways to be involved in your local parish, and in helping to shape worship which is enriching for other young people?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you play your part in how we love one another, in justice, action and hospitality, and in love of others as well as yourselves?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you model joyful generosity, being grounded in gratitude, mindful of climate care by living in an eco-friendly and ethical way?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you look for opportunities to share your faith with others, actively seeking to disciple others, and living a way of life which witnesses in everyday faith?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*Bishop* Will you ensure a balanced lifestyle of rest and play, intentionally setting aside time for things that bring you joy, and making space for being with people you love?

*Candidates* **By the help of God, we will.**

*The Bishop addresses the congregation.*

*Bishop* People of God, will you continue to support these young people in their journey of faith, pray for them, and value them as Ambassadors?

*All* **We will.**

*The Bishop addresses the candidates.*

*Bishop* In the name of this Diocese of York, I commission each of you to be a Youth Discipleship Ambassador, pledging to you our prayers, encouragement and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things, you may follow in the ways of discipleship and seek to Live Christ's Story.

Creating God,  
bless these young people  
who today commit to growing in their journey of faith,  
and in being ambassadors of faith within the communities of  
this diocese. Give them courage, vision, and hearts to serve you  
in joy, so that your light shines through their witness,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All*

**Amen.**

*The Youth Discipleship Ambassadors are given a gift to mark their commissioning.*

*An organ improvisation is played as the Youth Discipleship Ambassadors return to their seats, and the Preacher moves to the pulpit.*

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Dr Ian McIntosh,  
Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of York

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

*Words* NEH 420, John Bode (1816–1874)

*Tune* WOLVERCOTE, NEH 420, William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

*Please remain standing.*

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy footmarks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

## **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**

Diversion for Mixtures

Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

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

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