



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 18th August 2024
at 4.00pm

Welcome

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

We are grateful to the Anglican Chorale of Ottawa 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.
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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 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 Matthew Larkin (*b* 1963)

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

Psalmody

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands ♦
serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God ♦ it is he that hath made us, and not we
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise ♦
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting ♦
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Exodus.

After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'

Here ends the First Lesson.

EXODUS 2.23-3.10

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 1. 46–55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN B MINOR, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings; for it is well for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

HEBREWS 13.1-15

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 MINOR, Thomas Tertius Noble

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 and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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 Larkin

Please sit.

Anthem

1. Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,
vision dear of peace and love,
who of living stones art builded
in the height of heaven above,
and by Angel hands apparell'd
as a bride dost earthward move.
2. Out of heav'n from God descending,
new and ready to be wed
to thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,
fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;
all thy gates and all thy bulwarks
of pure gold are fashionèd.
3. Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
they are open evermore;
and, their well earn'd rest attaining
thither faithful souls do soar,
who for Christ's dear name in this world
pain and tribulation bore.
4. Many a blow and biting sculpture
polish'd well those stones elect,
in their places now compacted
by the heavenly Architect,
nevermore to leave the Temple
which with them the Lord hath deck'd.
5. To this Temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving kindness
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway. Amen.

Words Latin, translated into English by the Reverend John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

Music Sir Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874–1946)

Sermon

The Reverend Canon James Milne, Precentor

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Jerusalem the golden,
 with milk and honey blest,
 beneath thy contemplation
 sink heart and voice opprest.
 I know not, O I know not,
 what social joys are there,
 what radiancy of glory,
 what light beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Sion,
 conjubilant with song,
 and bright with many an angel,
 and all the martyr throng;
 the Prince is ever in them,
 the daylight is serene,
 the pastures of the blessed
 are decked in glorious sheen.

3. There is the throne of David,
 and there, from care released,
 the song of them that triumph,
 the shout of them that feast;
 and they who, with their Leader,
 have conquered in the fight,
 for ever and for ever
 are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,
 shall I ever see thy face?
 O sweet and blessed country,
 shall I ever win thy grace?
 Exult, O dust and ashes!
 The Lord shall be thy part:
 his only, his for ever,
 thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words NEH 381, Bernard of Cluny (1090–1153)
 translated into English by the Reverend John Mason Neale (1818–1866)
 verse four by the editors of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861)
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Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Epilogue

Gilles Maurice Leclerc (b 1960)

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