



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Sunday 19 May 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

If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may bide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth.

*Words* JOHN 14.15-16

*Music* Thomas Tallis (c 1505-85)

*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* Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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

## Psalmody

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me ♦ thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed ♦ and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue ♦ but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before ♦ and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me ♦ I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit ♦ or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there ♦ if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning ♦ and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me ♦ and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me ♦ then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day ♦ the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

*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 139.1-11

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel.

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Here ends the First Lesson.

EZEKIEL 36.22-28

*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* COLLEGIUM MAGDALENÆ, Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the crowd:

‘You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,  
“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.  
You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.”

‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

“He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.”

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ”

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ACTS 2.22–38

*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* COLLEGIUM MAGDALENÆ, Kenneth Leighton

*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

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. 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* Richard Shephard

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Dum complerentur dies Pentecostes,  
erant omnes pariter dicentes, Alleluia:  
et subito factus est  
sonus de coelo, Alleluia,  
tamquam spiritus vehementis,  
et replevit totam domum, Alleluia.

*When the day of Pentecost had come  
they were all together talking, alleluia:  
and suddenly there was  
a sound from heaven, alleluia,  
as of a rushing mighty wind,  
and it filled the whole house, alleluia.*

Dum ergo essent  
in unum discipuli congregati,  
propter metum iudæorum,  
sonus repente de coelo venit super eos,  
tamquam spiritus vehementis,  
et replevit totam domum, Alleluia.

*When therefore the disciples  
were gathered together in one  
for fear of the Jews,  
a sound from heaven came upon them,  
as of a rushing mighty wind,  
and it filled the whole house, alleluia.*

*Words* ACTS 2.1–2

*Music* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c 1525–94)

# Sermon

The Reverend Jane Speck, Honorary Minor Canon, Chaplain of York St John University

*Please stand.*

# Hymn



1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
in the truth that Christ makes known;  
we have faith and understanding  
through your promised light alone.

2. Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
come as Advocate to plead,  
loving Spirit from the Father,  
grant in Christ the help we need.

3. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
come yourself to make us live,  
holy through your loving presence,  
holy through the gifts you give.

4. Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
you the love of Three in One,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*Words* NEH 140, Brian Foley (1919–2000) © 1971 Faber Music Ltd, London  
*Tune* ALL FOR JESUS, NEH 140, Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

*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

Fantasia Super 'Komm, Heiliger Geist', BWV 651 J S Bach (1685–1750)

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