



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY**

**Sunday 21 January 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. 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.

Today's Evensong includes the festive setting made by Hieronymus Praetorius and included in a collection of 1599, which was revised in 1607 and 1622. The composer intersperses the verses of the Latin Magnificat, set alternately to chant and polyphony, with two Christmas carols, *Joseph lieber, Joseph mein* and *In dulci jubilo*. The second of these has a macaronic text, which mixes Latin phrases with the vernacular, in this case German.



## 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.

# Order of Service

*A bell is rung and prayers are sung.*

## Introit

Today I rise, today I soar in splendour.  
As the day keeps unveiling all her grandeur.  
Let the chains of yesterday break away;  
Today is here, I will not cling to yesterday.

*Words* Ozioma Ogbaji ♦ *Music* Lucy Walker (b 1998)

*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* William Smith (c 1603–1645)

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

## Psalmody

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous ♦ for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp ♦ sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song ♦ sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement ♦ the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦ and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap ♦ and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ♦ stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done ♦ he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought ♦ and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah ♦ and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ♦ from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them ♦ and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host ♦ neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man ♦ neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ♦ and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ♦ for he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him ♦ because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us ♦ like as we do put our trust in thee.

*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 33

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

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

A voice on the bare heights is heard, the plaintive weeping of Israel's children, because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten the Lord their God: Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness.

'Here we come to you; for you are the Lord our God. Truly the hills are a delusion, the orgies on the mountains. Truly in the Lord our God is the salvation of Israel.

'But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our ancestors had laboured, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonour cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our ancestors, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.'

If you return, O Israel,  
says the Lord,  
if you return to me,  
if you remove your abominations from my presence,  
and do not waver,  
and if you swear, 'As the Lord lives!'  
in truth, in justice, and in uprightness,  
then nations shall be blessed by him,  
and by him they shall boast.

Here ends the First Lesson.

JEREMIAH 3.21-4.2

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea Dominum: et exultavit  
spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

Joseph lieber, Joseph mein,  
hilf mir wiegen das Kindelein,  
Gott er wird dein Lohner sein  
im Himmelreich, der Jungfrau Kind Maria.  
Eya. Virgo Deum genuit,  
quem divina voluit clementia.

Omnes nunc concinite,  
nato regi psallite,  
voce pia dicite:  
sit gloria Christo nato infantulo.  
Hodie apparuit in Israel quem praedixit  
Gabriel est natus rex.

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae:  
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent  
omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,  
et sanctum nomen eius.

In dulci jubilo nun singet und seid froh:  
unsers Herzens Wonne liegt in praeseptio,  
und leuchtet als die Sonne  
matris in gremio:  
Alpha es et O.

Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies  
timentibus eum.  
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,  
dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

O Jesu parvule, nach dir ist mir so weh;  
trotst mir mein Gemüte, O puer optime;  
Durch alle deine Güte, O princeps gloriae,  
trahe me post te.

Deposuit potentes de sede  
et exaltavit humiles.

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my  
spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*Joseph dear, my Joseph,  
help me cradle the little child,  
God will give you your reward  
in heaven, child of the Virgin Mary.  
Eya. A virgin gave birth to God,  
as divine mercy desired.*

*All now sing together,  
and play to the new-born king,  
saying with holy voice:  
Glory be to Christ born a baby.  
Today has appeared in Israel he whom  
Gabriel foretold would be born king.*

*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.*

*In sweet jubilation now sing and be glad:  
our heart's delight lies in a manger,  
and shines like the sun  
in his mother's bosom.  
You are the first and last.*

*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.*

*O little Jesus, I so long for you;  
comfort my soul, O wondrous child  
by all your good, O prince of glory,  
lead me after you.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

Esurientes implevit bonis  
et divites dimisit inanes.

O Patris caritas,  
O nati lenitas!  
Wir wären all verloren  
per nostra crimina,  
so hat er uns erworben  
coelorum gaudia:  
eya wär'n wir da!

Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus  
misericordiæ suæ,  
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.

Ubi sunt gaudia,  
nirgend mehr denn da,  
da die Engel singen nova cantica,  
und die Schellen klingen in regis curia:  
eya wär'n wir da!

Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto:  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*Words* LUKE I. 46–55

*Music* MAGNIFICAT QUINTI TONI WITH INTERPOLATED CAROLS, Hieronymus  
Praetorius (1560–1629)

*Please sit.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*O love of the Father,  
O gentleness of the Son!  
We would have all been lost  
through our sins,  
but, see, he has gained for us  
the joys of heaven:  
O that we were there!*

*He remembering his mercy:  
hath holpen his servant Israel.  
As he promised to our forefathers:  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

*Where are joys to be found?  
Nowhere more than there,  
where the angels sing new songs  
and the bells ring in the court of the king:  
O that we were there!*

*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.*

## Second Lesson

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

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, prudent, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance.

Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behaviour, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, being submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech that cannot be censured; then any opponent will be put to shame, having nothing evil to say of us.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

TITUS 2.1-8, 11-14

*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* NUNC DIMITTIS OCTAVI TONI, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c 1548–1611)

*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, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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* William Smith

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

O magnum mysterium, et admirabile sacramentum, ut animalia viderent Dominum natum, iacentem in praesepio. Beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

*O great mystery and wondrous sign, that the animals should see the Lord born, lying in a manger. Blessed is the Virgin, whose womb was counted worthy to bear the Lord Christ.*

*Words* Fourth Respond for Matins of Christmas Day

*Music* Francis Poulenc (1899–1963)

## Sermon

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
4. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the long amen.

*Words* AM 691, Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Psalm 72

*Tune* TRURO, AM 691i, *Psalmodia Evangelica* (1789)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Dieterich Buxtehude

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