



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON

TRINITY SUNDAY

**with the Reading Out
of the Revd Catriona Cumming
Succentor**

**Sunday 26 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

Libera nos, salva nos, justifica nos, O beata Trinitas.

Deliver us, save us, justify us, O blessed Trinity.

Words Antiphon at Matins for Trinity Sunday, Use of Sarum

Music John Sheppard (c 1515–1558)

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.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

Music Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

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

Psalmody

Praise the Lord, O my soul ♦ O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding
glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment ♦ and spreadest out the
heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ♦ and maketh the clouds his
chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits ♦ and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth ♦ that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment ♦ the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee ♦ at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath ♦ even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass ♦ neither turn again to cover the earth.

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 104.1-9

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel.

As I looked, a stormy wind came out of the north: a great cloud with brightness around it and fire flashing forth continually, and in the middle of the fire, something like gleaming amber. In the middle of it was something like four living creatures. This was their appearance: they were of human form. Each had four faces, and each of them had four wings. Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like burnished bronze. Under their wings on their four sides they had human hands. And the four had their faces and their wings thus: their wings touched one another; each of them moved straight ahead, without turning as they moved. As for the appearance of their faces: the four had the face of a human being, the face of a lion on the right side, the face of an ox on the left side, and the face of an eagle;

Over the heads of the living creatures there was something like a dome, shining like crystal, spread out above their heads. Under the dome their wings were stretched out straight, one towards another; and each of the creatures had two wings covering its body. When they moved, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of mighty waters, like the thunder of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army; when they stopped, they let down their wings. And there came a voice from above the dome over their heads; when they stopped, they let down their wings.

And above the dome over their heads there was something like a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was something that seemed like a human form. Upwards from what appeared like the loins I saw something like gleaming amber, something that looked like fire enclosed all round; and downwards from what looked like the loins I saw something that looked like fire, and there was a splendour all round. Like the bow in a cloud on a rainy day, such was the appearance of the splendour all round. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

Here ends the First Lesson.

EZEKIEL I.4-10, 22-28a

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 THE JESUS COLLEGE SERVICE, William Mathias (1934-1992)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Revelation to John.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

REVELATION 4

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 THE JESUS COLLEGE SERVICE, William Mathias

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 hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, 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 Thomas Tomkins

Please sit.

Anthem

Praise the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me praise his Holy Name. I laid me down and slept, and rose up again: for the Lord sustained me. O hearken unto the voice of my calling, my King and my God. Early in the morning will I direct my prayer to thee, and will look up, Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul, and all that is within me praise his Holy Name. Praise, praise the Lord, O my soul. O my soul, praise, praise the Lord.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord: early in the morning will I direct my prayer to thee. Give ear to my words, O Lord, give ear unto my prayer. Hearken thou unto the voice of my cry, give ear, O Lord to thee will I make my prayer. Let all them that trust in thee rejoice: they shall ever be giving of thanks. Let all them rejoice because thou defendest them, they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee.

As for me, I will come into thy house, in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness: make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Words Psalm 103.1, 3, 5

Music Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Sermon

The Reverend Catriona Cumming, Succentor

After the sermon, please remain seated.

Reading Out and Praying Farewell

As organ music is played, the Dean leads the Succentor to the high altar, where he says:

Catriona, on behalf of all who work and worship in this holy house,
together with your friends and colleagues throughout the Minster community,
we thank for your service and fellowship as Succentor.

We commend Catriona to your fatherly care, O Lord.
May your goodness and mercy follow her throughout her life.
Guard her in danger and keep her from evil,
guide her constantly in the right way,
grant that the work you have begun in her may be continued,
and that the gifts which you have given to her may mature and increase.
This we ask for the glory of your name,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Everyone is invited to join in this prayer:

**God of our beginnings and endings,
we celebrate all we have shared with Catriona,
and ask your blessing as she continue on her journey.
May your love in our hearts
be a bond that unites us for ever,
wherever we may be.
May the power of your presence
bless this moment of our leave-taking
and guide us all on our pilgrimage;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.
Amen.**

Please stand.

Hymn



1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
while I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face:
They sing, because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Words AM 663, John Mason (c 1645–1694)
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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

Fugue in E flat 'St Anne', BWV 552

J S Bach (1685–1750)

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