



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 27 August 2023
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.

While the Minster Choir is on summer holiday, we are grateful to members of the Choir of St Mary's Church, Bowden, who are singing the services this week.

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.

Order of Service

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.
The Lord's name be praised.

Music Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

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

Psalmody

O come, let us sing unto the Lord ♦ let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ♦ and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God ♦ and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth ♦ and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it ♦ and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down ♦ and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God ♦ and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts ♦ as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.

When your fathers tempted me ♦ proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said ♦ It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways;

Unto whom I swear in my wrath ♦ that they should not enter into my rest

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 95

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Second Book of Kings.

Once when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, 'At such and such a place shall be my camp.' But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, 'Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.' The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, 'Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?' Then one of his officers said, 'No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.' He said, 'Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.' He was told, 'He is in Dothan.' So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, 'Alas, master! What shall we do?' He replied, 'Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.' Then Elisha prayed: 'O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the Lord opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. When the Arameans came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, 'Strike this people, please, with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. Elisha said to them, 'This is not the way, and this is not the city; follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek.' And he led them to Samaria.

As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, 'O Lord, open the eyes of these men so that they may see.' The Lord opened their eyes, and they saw that they were inside Samaria. When the king of Israel saw them he said to Elisha, 'Father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?' He answered, 'No! Did you capture with your sword and your bow those whom you want to kill? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink; and let them go to their master.' So he prepared for them a great feast; after they ate and drank, he sent them on their way, and they went to their master. And the Arameans no longer came raiding into the land of Israel.

Here ends the First Lesson.

2 KINGS 6.8–23

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 E, Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.' At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ACTS 17.15–END

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

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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 Richard Ayleward

Please sit.

Anthem

Te lucis ante terminum
rerum creator poscimus
ut pro tua clementia
sis praesul et custodia.

*Before the ending of the day,
we beseech you, O Maker of all,
that in your mercy
you would be our guide and protector.*

Procul recedant somnia
et noctium phantasmata
hostemque nostrum comprime
ne pollutantur corpora.

*Let dreams and nightly fantasies
be put far from us,
and restrain our Enemy
lest our bodies be defiled.*

Praesta, Pater piissime
Patrique compar unice
cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne saeculum.
Amen.

*Protect us, O holy Father,
who, coequal with the Son
and with the Holy Spirit the Advocate,
reign throughout all ages.
Amen.*

Words Latin hymn for Compline

Music Henry Balfour Gardiner (1877–1950)

Sermon

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Acting Pastor

Please stand.

Hymn



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| 1. Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ. | 4. O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide! |
| 2. O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came. | 5. Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care. |
| 3. The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succour trust. | 6. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore. |

Words AM 812, Nahum Tate (1652–1715) and Nicholas Brady (1659–1726)
A New Version of the Psalms of David (1696, 1698), Psalm 34
Tune WILTSHIRE, AM 812, George Thomas Smart (1776–1867)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

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