



SOLEMN EVENSONG
ON EASTER DAY

Sunday 17 April 2022
at 4.00pm

Welcome

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

Order of Service

A bell is rung and these prayers are sung:

O praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.

Let us pray.

O Lord, open thou our lips and purify our hearts, that we may worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify his name together.

Introit

The Choir sings:

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:
exsultemus et laetemur in ea.
Alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.*

Words Psalm 118. 24 ♦ *Music* Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
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 Bernard Rose (1916–96)

Psalm

O be joyful in God, all ye lands ♦ sing praises unto the honour of his Name,
make his praise to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works ♦ through the greatness
of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.

For all the world shall worship thee ♦ sing of thee, and praise thy Name.

O come hither, and behold the works of God ♦ how wonderful he is in his doing
toward the children of men.

He turned the sea into dry land ♦ so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.

He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people ♦ and such as will
not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.

O praise our God, ye people ♦ and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life ♦ and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us ♦ thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare ♦ and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads ♦ we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings ♦ and will pay thee my vows,
which I promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in
trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams ♦ I will offer
bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God ♦ and I will tell you what he
hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth ♦ and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart ♦ the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me ♦ and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer ♦ nor turned his mercy from
me.

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 66

First Lesson

The First Lesson is written in the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
 and to the south, 'Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.'

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,
 who are deaf, yet have ears!
Let all the nations gather together,
 and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this,
 and foretold to us the former things?
Let them bring their witnesses to justify them,
 and let them hear and say, 'It is true.'

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
I, I am the Lord,
and besides me there is no saviour.
I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;
and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.
I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 43.1-21

The congregation stands.

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* SERVICE IN F, Charles Wood

The congregation sits.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is written in the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

CORINTHIANS 15.1-11

The congregation stands.

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* SERVICE IN F, Charles Wood

The congregation remains standing.

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

The Lord be with you;
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The congregation sits or kneels.

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.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever 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 Bernard Rose

Anthem

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently, see that ye love one another: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for evermore. Amen.

Words 1 Peter 1.3–5, 15, 17b, 22–5 ♦ *Music* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

Sermon

The Revd Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

The congregation stands.

Hymn



1. Ye choirs of new Jerusalem
your sweetest notes employ,
the paschal victory to hymn
in strains of holy joy.
2. For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
crushing the serpent's head;
and cries aloud through death's domains
to wake the imprisoned dead.
3. Devouring depths of hell their prey
at his command restore;
his ransomed hosts pursue their way
where Jesus goes before.
4. Triumphant in his glory now
to him all power is given;
to him in one communion bow
all saints in earth and heaven.
5. While we his soldiers praise our King,
his mercy we implore,
within his palace bright to bring
and keep us evermore.
6. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.
Alleluia! Amen.

Words Fulbert of Chartres (d 1028) translated by R Campbell (1814–68)

Tune ST FULBERT, NEH 124, H J Gauntlett (1805–76)

Blessing

Voluntary

Toccata

Marcel Lanquetuit
(1894–1985)

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