

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

in celebration of twenty-five years of Girl Choristers at York Minster

> Sunday 10 July 2022 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.

The service will be sung by the Minster Choir, augmented by former Girl Choristers.

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.

Music before the service

Church bells beyond the stars

Cecilia McDowall

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

Give almes of thy goods and turn never thy face from any poor man: and then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Words Offertory sentence from *The Book of Common Prayer Music* Christopher Tye (c. 1505–73)

Please stand as the procession enters the Nave.

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 Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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

Psalmody

I will cry unto God with my voice ♦ even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.

In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord ♦ my sore ran and ceased not in the night-season; my soul refused comfort.

When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God ♦ when my heart is vexed, I will complain.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking ♦ I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old ♦ and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song ◆ and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever ♦ and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy clean gone for ever ◆ and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious ♦ and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?

And I said, It is mine own infirmity • but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most Highest.

I will remember the works of the Lord ♦ and call to mind thy wonders of old time.

I will think also of all thy works • and my talking shall be of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is holy ♦ who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doeth wonders ♦ and hast declared thy power among the people.

Thou hast mightily delivered thy people ♦ even the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee, and were afraid ♦ the depths also were troubled.

The clouds poured out water, the air thundered ♦ and thine arrows went abroad.

The voice of thy thunder was heard round about ♦ the lightnings shone upon the ground ♦ the earth was moved, and shook withal.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy paths in the great waters ♦ and thy footsteps are not known.

Thou leddest thy people like sheep ♦ by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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 77

Please sit.

First Lesson

read by Dr Philip Moore, Master of the Music (1983–2008)

The First Lesson is from the Second Book of Chronicles.

Now when the priests came out of the holy place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without regard to their divisions), all the levitical singers, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun, their sons and kindred, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals, harps, and lyres, stood east of the altar with one hundred and twenty priests who were trumpeters, it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

'For he is good,

for his steadfast love endures for ever',

the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

Here ends the First Lesson.

2 CHRONICLES 5.11-14

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 EVENING SERVICE IN C, Charles Stanford (1852–1924)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

read by Naomi Simon, Chorister of York Minster (2015–2020)

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

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Here ends the Second Lesson.

COLOSSIANS 3.12-17

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 Evening Service in C, Charles Stanford

Please remain 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.

Please sit.

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

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake 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 Shephard

Anthem

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

Lord what is man, that thou hast such respect unto him: or the son of man, that thou so regardest him?

Man is like a thing of nought: his time passeth away like a shadow.

Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever, and thy remembrance throughout all generations.

Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion, yea, the time is come, for it is time that thou have mercy upon her.

Comfort us again, now after the time that thou hast plagued us: and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Words Psalms 90.1, 2, 15; 144.3–4; 102.12–13 Music Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Sermon

The Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby

Please stand.

Hymn



- O praise ye the Lord!
 praise him in the height;
 rejoice in his word,
 ye angels of light;
 ye heavens adore him
 by whom ye were made,
 and worship before him,
 in brightness arrayed.
- 2. O praise ye the Lord!
 praise him upon earth,
 in tuneful accord,
 ye sons of new birth;
 praise him who has brought you
 his grace from above,
 praise him who has taught you
 to sing of his love.
- 3. O praise ye the Lord! all things that give sound; each jubilant chord, re-echo around; loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone, and, sweet harp, the story of what he has done.
- 4. O praise ye the Lord!
 thanksgiving and song
 to him be outpoured
 all ages along:
 for love in creation,
 for heaven restored,
 for grace of salvation,
 O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen.

Words H W Baker (1821–77) after Psalm 150 Tune Laudate Dominum, neh 427, Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Toccata and Fugue

Francis Jackson

The organ voluntary forms part of the service and many people like to use this time to listen and pray. If you need to leave before it is finished please do so quietly to enable others to listen.

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