



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT

SUNDAY 13 MARCH 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.

Today's service will be live streamed from the Minster. We hope that this regular provision of choral worship will help us through the months ahead and the challenges of different restrictions due to the pandemic.

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.

Please stand as the procession enters.

Introit

Hear the voice and prayer of thy servants, that they make before thee this day.
That thine eyes may be opened toward this house night and day,
ever toward this place, of which thou hast said, 'My Name shall be there'.
And when thou hear'st have mercy on them.

Words based on 1 Kings 8.29 ♦ Music Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

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 Ayleward (1622–69)

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

Psalmody

O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord ♦ praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that stand in the house of the Lord ♦ in the courts of the house of our God.

O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious ♦ O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself ♦ and Israel for his own possession.

For I know that the Lord is great ♦ and that our Lord is above all gods.

Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven and in earth ♦ and in the sea, and in all deep places.

He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world ♦ and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.

He smote the first-born of Egypt ♦ both of man and beast.

He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt ♦ upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.

He smote divers nations ♦ and slew mighty kings;

Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan ♦ and all the kingdoms of Canaan;

And gave their land to be an heritage ♦ even an heritage unto Israel his people.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever ♦ so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.

For the Lord will avenge his people ♦ and be gracious unto his servants.

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 135.1-14

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

Thus says the Lord: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the Lord, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah:

You are like Gilead to me,
like the summit of Lebanon;
but I swear that I will make you a desert,
an uninhabited city.
I will prepare destroyers against you,
all with their weapons;
they shall cut down your choicest cedars
and cast them into the fire.

And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the Lord dealt in this way with that great city?' And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness,
and his upper rooms by injustice;
who makes his neighbours work for nothing,
and does not give them their wages;
who says, 'I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms',
and who cuts out windows for it,
panelling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
says the Lord.
But your eyes and heart
are only on your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practising oppression and violence.

Here ends the First Lesson.

JONAH 22.1-9, 13-17

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 G, Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 14.27–33

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 G, Francis Jackson

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 or kneel.

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 seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 Richard Ayleward

Please sit.

Anthem

Hear my prayer, O God, incline thine ear,
thyself from my petition do not hide;
take heed to me; hear how in prayer I mourn to thee;
without thee all is dark; I have no guide.

The enemy shouteth—the godless come fast;
iniquity, hatred upon me they cast.
The wicked oppress me—ah, where shall I fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my cry!

My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed.
Trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me call!

O for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove;
in the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.

Words Psalm 55.1–7 ♦ *Music* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–47)

Sermon

Canon Peter Collier QC

Vicar General of the Province of York and Cathedral Reader

Please stand.

Hymn



1. O gladsome light, O grace
of God the Father's face,
the eternal splendour wearing;
celestial, holy, blest,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
joyful in thine appearing.

2. Now, ere day fadeth quite,
we see the evening light,
our wonted hymn outpouring;
Father of might unknown,
thee, his incarnate Son,
and Holy Spirit adoring.

3. To thee of right belongs
all praise of holy songs,
O Son of God, Lifegiver;
thee, therefore, O Most High,
the world doth glorify,
and shall exalt for ever.

Words Greek, before 4th century translated by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)

Tune NUNC DIMITTIS, NEH 247, melody from the Genevan Psalter (1549)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Grave – Fugue (from *Sonata on the 94th Psalm*)

Julius Reubke