



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY 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.

We are grateful to members of the choir of St John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough, who are singing our services this weekend.

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

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 Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Please sit for the singing of the psalms 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.
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 First Book of Samuel.

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, ‘I have asked him of the Lord.’

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, ‘As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.’ Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.’ So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, ‘Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.’

She left him there for the Lord.

Here ends the First Lesson.

1 SAMUEL 1.20—end

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 G, Herbert Sumsion

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

1 JOHN 4.7-16

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, Herbert Sumsion

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 in the birth of thy Son hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word and revealed to us the fullness of thy love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. 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 Herbert Sumsion

Please sit.

Anthem

I sing the birth was born to-night,
the author both of life and light;
 the angels so did sound it.
And like the ravish'd shepherds said,
who saw the light, and were afraid,
 yet searched, and true they found it.

The Son of God, the eternal king,
that did us all salvation bring,
 and freed the soul from danger;
He whom the whole world could not take,
the Word, which heaven and earth did make,
 was now laid in a manger

The Father's wisdom willed it so,
the Son's obedience knew no No,
 both wills were in one stature;
And as that wisdom had decreed,
the Word was now made flesh indeed,
 and took on him our nature.
What comfort by him do we win,
who made himself the price of sin,
 to make us heirs of glory!
To see this babe, all innocence;
a martyr born in our defence:
 can man forget the story?

Words Ben Jonson (c. 1573–1637) ♦ *Music* Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
came he to a world forlorn,
the Lord of every nation.
2. Cradled in a stall was he
with sleepy cows and asses;
but the very beasts could see
that he all men surpasses.
3. Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'in Jewry!'
And all the little boys he killed
at Bethlem in his fury.
4. Now may Mary's son, who came
so long ago to love us,
lead us all with hearts aflame
unto the joys above us.
5. Omega and Alpha he!
Let the organ thunder,
while the choir with peals of glee
doth rend the air asunder.

Words Latin, 15th century trans. Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

Tune PUER NOBIS, NEH 39, *Piae Cantiones* (1582)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

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