



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON**

**THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 21 August 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.

While the Minster Choir is on summer holiday, we are grateful to members of Sine Nomine, 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.



# Order of Service

*Please stand when the choir 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* Thomas Tunnard (1918–2012)

*Please remain seated for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria at the end.*

## Psalmody

O think upon thy servant, as concerning thy world ♦ wherein thou hast caused  
me to put my trust.

The same is my comfort in my trouble ♦ for thy word hath quickened me.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision ♦ yet have I not shrunk from  
thy law.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord ♦ and received comfort.

I am horribly afraid ♦ for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

Thy statutes have been my songs ♦ in the house of my pilgrimage.

I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season ♦ and have kept thy  
law.

This I had ♦ because I kept thy commandments.

*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 119.49–56

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Go now, write it before them on a tablet,  
and inscribe it in a book,  
so that it may be for the time to come  
as a witness for ever.  
For they are a rebellious people,  
faithless children,  
children who will not hear  
the instruction of the Lord;  
who say to the seers, 'Do not see';  
and to the prophets, 'Do not prophesy to us what is right;  
speak to us smooth things,  
prophesy illusions,  
leave the way, turn aside from the path,  
let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.'  
Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:  
Because you reject this word,  
and put your trust in oppression and deceit,  
and rely on them;  
therefore this iniquity shall become for you  
like a break in a high wall, bulging out, and about to collapse,  
whose crash comes suddenly, in an instant;  
its breaking is like that of a potter's vessel  
that is smashed so ruthlessly  
that among its fragments not a sherd is found  
for taking fire from the hearth,  
or dipping water out of the cistern.

For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:  
In returning and rest you shall be saved;  
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.  
But you refused and said,  
'No! We will flee upon horses'—  
therefore you shall flee!  
and, 'We will ride upon swift steeds'—  
therefore your pursuers shall be swift!  
A thousand shall flee at the threat of one,  
at the threat of five you shall flee,  
until you are left  
like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain,  
like a signal on a hill.

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you;  
therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.  
For the Lord is a God of justice;  
blessed are all those who wait for him.

Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 28.9–22

*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* SERVICE IN B MINOR, Hugh Blair (1864–32)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

Now it is not necessary for me to write to you about the ministry to the saints, for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Here ends the Second Lesson.

2 CORINTHIANS 9

*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* SERVICE IN B MINOR, Hugh Blair

*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

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; 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* Thomas Tunnard

## Anthem

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum celebrate supremum: firmamenta sonent inclyta  
facta Dei.

Inclyta facta Dei cantate sacraque potentis: voce potestatem saepe sonate manus.  
Magnificum Domini cantet tuba martia nomen: pieria Domino concelebrate  
lyra.

Laude Dei resonent resonantia tympana summi: alta sacri resonent organa laude  
Dei.

Hunc arguta canant tenui psalteria corda: hunc agili laudet laeta chorea pede.  
Concava divinas effundant cymbala laudes: cymbala dulcesona laude repleta Dei.  
Omne quod aetheriis in mundo vescitur auris: Halleluia canat tempus in omne  
Deo.

*Praise the Lord Most High with praises among his saints: let the firmament tell of  
the wonderful works of God.*

*Sing of the wonderful works of God, and of the holy things of the Almighty: tell oft  
with the voice the power of his hand.*

*Let the war-trumpet sing of the wonderful name of the Lord: praise the Lord with  
songs and upon the lyre.*

*Let all things that can, resound with the praise of God; take up the drum: let lofty  
organs resound with the holy praise of God.*

*Let the sharp-toned strings of the psaltery sing his praise: let the festal procession  
praise him.*

*Let the resounding cymbals pour out divine praises: let the sweet-toned cymbals be  
filled with the praise of God.*

*Let everything that draws breath on earth: sing Alleluia at all times to God.*

*Words* paraphrase of Psalm 150

*Music* William Byrd (1539/40–1623)

## Sermon

The Revd Josh Abrahams

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*Please stand.*

## Hymn



God of mercy, God of grace,  
show the brightness of thy face;  
shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
fill thy Church with light divine;  
and thy saving health extend  
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
be by all that live adored;  
let the nations shout and sing  
glory to their Saviour King;  
at thy feet their tribute pay,  
and thy holy will obey.

3. Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
earth shall then her fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
man to God devoted live;  
all below, and all above,  
one in joy and light and love.

*Words* Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

*Tune* HEATHLANDS, NEH 366, Henry Smart (1813–79)

*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.*

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