



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 21 May 2023**  
**at 4.00pm**

# Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this service of Choral Evensong, which will be sung by the Choir of York Minster.

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

*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

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

*Words* Salisbury Diurnal ♦ *Music* Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

## Preces

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

*Music* Richard Shephard

*Please sit.*

## The Reading In

*The Vicar Choral to be read in stands before the Dean.*

*The Director of Music says:*

Mr Dean, I present to you Emily Harrison, who is to be a Vicar Choral of this Cathedral Church, and I ask you to welcome her.

*The Dean replies:*

Emily, I welcome you as a Vicar Choral of this Cathedral Church.  
May God bless you and your service to him, now and always. Amen.

Let us pray.

Accept, O Lord, the praises of thy holy Church;  
and grant to us all the gift of thy Holy Spirit,  
that not only our music but our whole lives  
may be a worthy offering unto thee:  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Those who have taken part in the admission return to their places, and Evensong continues as the choir sings the Psalm. Please remain seated until the Gloria.*

## Psalmody

O clap your hand together, all ye people ♦ O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

For the Lord is high, and to be feared ♦ he is the great King upon all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us ♦ and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose out an heritage for us ♦ even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise ♦ and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

O sing praises, sing praises unto our God ♦ O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth ♦ sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen ♦ God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham ♦  
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a  
shield.

*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 47

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David:  
The oracle of David, son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,  
his word is upon my tongue.  
The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?  
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,  
ordered in all things and secure.  
Will he not cause to prosper  
all my help and my desire?

Here ends the First Lesson.

2 SAMUEL 23.1-5

*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 D, Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

EPHESIANS 1.15–end

*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 D, Edward Bairstow

*Please remain standing and turn to face east.*

## 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

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Please kneel or sit.*

*Cantor* Let us pray.

*Choir* 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.

*Cantor* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor* O Lord, save the King.

*Choir* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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* Richard Shephard

## Anthem

O clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the Lord most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God: sing praises unto our King.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises every one that hath understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

*Words* Psalm 47.1–2, 5–8

*Music* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## Sermon

The Revd Jane Speck, Chaplain, York St John University

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.
4. To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Words* Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

*Tune* TRURO, AM 691, Psalmodia Evangelica (1789)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Ricercare à 6

J S Bach arr. J Guillou

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