



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 22 May 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.

We welcome the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and the High Sheriff and Sheriff's Lady as they mark the end of their term of office.

# 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

I will wash my hands in innocency, O lord, and so will I go to thine altar; that I may show the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous words. I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. My foot standeth right; I will praise the Lord in the congregations.

*Words* Psalm 26

*Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

## 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 (1626–69)

*Please remain seated for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria after the second psalm.*

## Psalmody

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion ♦ then were we like unto them  
that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen ♦ The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already ♦ whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord ♦ as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears ♦ shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed ♦ shall  
doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 126

Except the Lord build the house ♦ their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city ♦ the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the  
bread of carefulness ♦ for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb ♦ are an heritage and gift that cometh of  
the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant ♦ even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them ♦ they shall not be ashamed  
when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

*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 127

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

*read by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of York, the Revd Councillor Chris Cullwick.*

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

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ZEPHANIAH 3.14–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 1. 46–55 ♦ *Music* ST PAUL'S SERVICE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

*read by the Revd Canon Dr Christopher Collingwood,  
Chaplain to the Lord Mayor of York and Canon Emeritus.*

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Matthew.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

MATTHEW 28.1-10; 16-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* ST PAUL'S SERVICE, Herbert Howells

## 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 Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

## Anthem

Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,  
vision dear of peace and love,  
who of living stones art builded  
in the height of heaven above,  
and by Angel hands apparell'd  
as a bride dost earthward move.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,  
they are open evermore;  
and, their well earn'd rest attaining  
thither faithful souls do soar,  
who for Christ's dear name in this world  
pain and tribulation bore.

Out of heav'n from God descending,  
new and ready to be wed  
to thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,  
fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;  
all thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
of pure gold are fashionèd.

Many a blow and biting sculpture  
polish'd well those stones elect,  
in their places now compacted  
by the heavenly Architect,  
nevermore to leave the Temple  
which with them the Lord hath deck'd.

To this Temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls away. Amen.

*Words* Latin, 7th–8th century tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

*Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946), Organist of York Minster (1913–34)

# Sermon

The Revd Canon Michael Smith, Acting Dean

*Please stand for the hymn, during which the Civic Party join the Acting Dean for a prayer of blessing.*

# Hymn



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| 1. The Day of Resurrection!<br>Earth, tell it out abroad;<br>the Passover of gladness,<br>the Passover of God;<br>from death to life eternal,<br>from earth unto the sky,<br>our God hath brought us over<br>with hymns of victory.                                | 2. Our hearts be pure from evil,<br>that we may see aright<br>the Lord in rays eternal<br>of resurrection light;<br>and, listening to his accents,<br>may hear so calm and plain<br>his own 'All hail,' and, hearing,<br>may raise the victor strain. |
| 3. Now let the heavens be joyful,<br>and earth her song begin,<br>the round world keep high triumph,<br>and all that is therein;<br>let all things seen and unseen<br>their notes of gladness blend,<br>for Christ the Lord is risen,<br>our joy that hath no end. |   |

*Words* St John of Damascus (d 754) tr J M Neale (1816–66)  
*Tune* ELLACOMBE, Mainz *Gesangbuch* (1833)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

*The choir process out and then sing the final prayers, which conclude the service.*

## Voluntary

Fanfare

Percy Whitlock

*There will be an opportunity to make a donation to support the music, ministry and mission of York Minster as you leave.*