



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE THIRD SUNDAY

AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 23 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.

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

O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him all ye nations.

For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

Words Psalm 117 ♦ *Music* Adrian Batten (c. 1585–1637)

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 Shephard (1949–2021)

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

Psalmody

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous ♦ for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp ♦ sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song ♦ sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement ♦ the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦ and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap ♦ and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ♦ stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done ♦ he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought ♦ and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah ♦ and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ♦ from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them ♦ and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host ♦ neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man ♦ neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ♦ and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ♦ for he is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him ♦ because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us ♦ like as we do put our trust in thee.

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 33

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book Numbers.

On the day the tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the covenant; and from evening until morning it was over the tabernacle, having the appearance of fire. It was always so: the cloud covered it by day and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud lifted from over the tent, then the Israelites would set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the Israelites would camp. At the command of the Lord the Israelites would set out, and at the command of the Lord they would camp. As long as the cloud rested over the tabernacle, they would remain in camp. Even when the cloud continued over the tabernacle for many days, the Israelites would keep the charge of the Lord, and would not set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain for a few days over the tabernacle, and according to the command of the Lord they would remain in camp; then according to the command of the Lord they would set out. Sometimes the cloud would remain from evening until morning; and when the cloud lifted in the morning, they would set out, or if it continued for a day and a night, when the cloud lifted they would set out. Whether it was two days, or a month, or a longer time, that the cloud continued over the tabernacle, resting upon it, the Israelites would remain in camp and would not set out; but when it lifted they would set out. At the command of the Lord they would camp, and at the command of the Lord they would set out. They kept the charge of the Lord, at the command of the Lord by Moses.

Here ends the First Lesson.

NUMBERS 9.15–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 NEW COLLEGE SERVICE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

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

However that may be, let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God called you. This is my rule in all the churches. Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing; but obeying the commandments of God is everything. Let each of you remain in the condition in which you were called.

Were you a slave when called? Do not be concerned about it. Even if you can gain your freedom, make use of your present condition now more than ever. For whoever was called in the Lord as a slave is a freed person belonging to the Lord, just as whoever was free when called is a slave of Christ. You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of human masters. In whatever condition you were called, brothers and sisters, there remain with God.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

I CORINTHIANS 7.17–24

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 NEW COLLEGE SERVICE, Herbert Howells

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 and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; 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 Shephard

Please sit.

Anthem

When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, behold from the east to the city of Jerusalem, there came wise men, and said: 'Say, where is he born, the King of Judea? For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.'

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre from Israel rise up; and dash in pieces princes and nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
of light and consolation!
Thy word, O Lord,
radiance darting, truth imparting,
gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!

Words Matthew 2.1–2; Numbers 24.17
and the Chorale *Wie schön leuchtet* Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)
Music Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809–47)
from the unfinished oratorio *Christus*

Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words William Williams (1717–91)

translated Peter Williams (1727–96) and others

Tune CWM RHONDDA, NEH 368, John Hughes (1873–1932)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Pastorale

César Franck