



CHORAL EVENSONG

FIRST EVENSONG
OF MARK THE EVANGELIST

SUNDAY 24 APRIL 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 the Oriel Singers, who are singing the services this weekend whilst the Minster Choir is on their post-Easter break.

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 prayers are said.

Please stand as the procession enters.

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 William Smith (1603–45)

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

Psalmody

The heavens declare the glory of God ♦ and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another ♦ and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language ♦ but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands ♦ and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun ♦ which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again ♦ and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul ♦ the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart ♦ the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever ♦ the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold ♦ sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught ♦ and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth ♦ O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me ♦ so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart ♦ be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord ♦ my strength, and my redeemer.

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 19

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 52.7-10

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 GLOUCESTER SERVICE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Mark.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.”’

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

MARK 1.1-15

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 GLOUCESTER 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

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark: Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; 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 William Smith

Please sit.

Anthem

Ó Deus, Está no Livro:

Lou vai ao Senhor no seu santuario
No firmamento de sua virtude
Lou vaio nas virtudes delle
Segundo a multidão da sua grandeza
Lou vai ao som da trombeta
Com psalterio e cithara
Lou vaio com adufe e frauta
Com cordas e orgão
Louvaio com címbalos sonoros
Louvaio com címbalos de jubilo
Todo espirito louve o Senhor
Alleluia, Senhor
Cymbalos e citharas nao tenho nao
Mas eu vou fazer uma procissão
para voce
Pra seu Menino, vou fazer uma novena
Ladainhas pra sua Mamã
Aceite, meu Deuzinho
E Abel quem esta lhe dando!
Alleluia!

Almighty, The book has told me:

O praise God in his holiness:
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
O praise him in his noble acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with sound of trumpet:
Praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him with cymbals and dances:
Praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
Praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath: praise the Lord.
Alleluia, O Lord
Cymbals and harp I do not have.
But I'll make a fair procession for you,
O blessed Lord.
A fine novena for your son, the Holy Infant,
Litanies for the mother of God.
Accept them, I implore you
It is Abel who presents them.
Alleluia!

Words Brazilian Psalm, Jorge de Lima (1893–1953) ♦ *Music* Jean Berger (1909–2002)

Sermon

The Revd Jane Speck

Chaplain of York St John University and Honorary Minor Canon

Please stand.

Hymn



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield;
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine,
from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
alleluia to the Saviour,
who has gained the victory;
alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the triune majesty.

Words Christopher Wordsworth (1807–85)

Music LUX EOI, NEH 103, Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Rhapsody No 3

Herbert Howells