



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 29 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 Exultate Singers who are singing the services this weekend whilst the Minster Choir is on half term.

Order of Service

A bell is rung. 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 Bernard Rose (1916–96)

Please remain seated for the singing of the psalm but stand for the final Gloria.

Psalmody

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered ♦ let them also that hate him flee before him.

Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive them away ♦ and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God ♦ let them also be merry and joyful .

O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name ♦ magnify him that rideth upon the heavens, as it were upon an horse; praise him in his Name JAH, and rejoice before him.

He is a father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the widows ♦ even God in his holy habitation.

He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house, and bringeth the prisoners out of captivity ♦ but letteth the runagates continue in scarceness.

O God, when thou wentest forth before the people ♦ when thou wentest through the wilderness;

The earth shook, and the heavens dropped at the presence of God ♦ even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God, who is the God of Israel.

Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine inheritance ♦ and refreshedst it when it was weary.

Thy congregation shall dwell therein ♦ for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness prepared for the poor.

The Lord gave the word ♦ great was the company of the preachers.

Kings with their armies did flee, and were discomfited ♦ and they of the household divided the spoil.

Though ye have lien among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove ♦ that is covered with silver wings, and her feathers like gold.

Thou art gone up on high, thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men ♦ yea, even for thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Praised be the Lord daily ♦ even the God who helpeth us, and poureth his benefits upon 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.

PSALM 68. 1–13, 18–19

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

But now hear, O Jacob my servant,
Israel whom I have chosen!
Thus says the Lord who made you,
who formed you in the womb and will help you:
Do not fear, O Jacob my servant,
Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
For I will pour water on the thirsty land,
and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour my spirit upon your descendants,
and my blessing on your offspring.
They shall spring up like a green tamarisk,
like willows by flowing streams.
This one will say, 'I am the Lord's',
another will be called by the name of Jacob,
yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's',
and adopt the name of Israel.

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 44.1-8

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* COLLEGIUM REGALE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

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

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

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* COLLEGIUM REGALE, 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 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 Bernard Rose

Anthem

Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen, preiset ihn in seinen Ehren, rühmet ihn in seinen Pracht. Sucht sein Lob recht zu vergleichen, wenn ihr mit gesamten Chören ihm ein Lied zu Ehren macht!

Give glory to God in all his Kingdom, praise him in all his glory, in his splendour tell his fame. Strive to honour the glory due to him, when with assembled choirs you sing to his glory!

Words from Ascension Day Oratorio, BWV 11

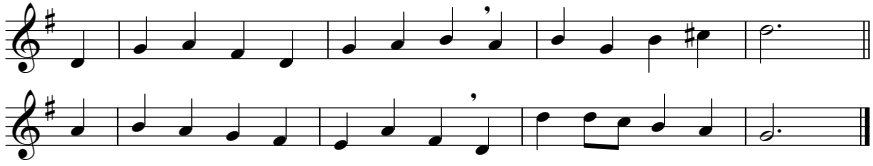
Music Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Sermon

The Revd Abigail Davison, Curate

Please stand.

Hymn



1. The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.
2. The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;
3. The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.
4. To them the Cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.
5. They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.
6. The Cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words Thomas Kelly (1769–1854)

Tune ST MAGNUS, NEH 134, Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673–1707)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

The choir process out and then the final prayers are said, which conclude the service.

Voluntary

Exurgat Deus *from* LAUDATE DOMINUM
(based on Psalm 68)

Peter Hurford

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