



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON

THE FEAST OF

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Sunday 3 July 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.

The service will be sung by the Minster Choir.

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

Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense.

Let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

Words Psalm 141.2 ♦ *Music* John Blow (1649–1708)

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 remain seated for the singing of the psalm but stand for the Gloria at the end.

Psalmody

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me ♦ thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed ♦ and spiest out all my ways.

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue ♦ but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before ♦ and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me ♦ I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit ♦ or whither shall I go then from thy presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there ♦ if I go down to hell, thou art there also.

If I take the wings of the morning ♦ and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there also shall thy hand lead me ♦ and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover me ♦ then shall my night be turned to day.

Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day ♦ the darkness and light to thee are both alike.

For my reins are thine ♦ thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made ♦ marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

My bones are not hid from thee ♦ though I be made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect ♦ and in thy book were all my members written;

Which day by day were fashioned ♦ when as yet there was none of them.

How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God ♦ O how great is the sum of them!

If I tell them, they are more in number than the sand ♦ when I wake up I am present with thee.

Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart ♦ prove me, and examine my thoughts.

Look well if there be any way of wickedness in me ♦ and lead me in the way everlasting.

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 139.1-18, 23-24

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of Job.

Then Job answered the Lord:

‘I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
“Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.”
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

JOB 42.1-6

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 E FLAT (No 2), Charles Wood (1866–1926)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

Here ends the Second Lesson.

PETER 1.3–12

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 E FLAT (No 2), Charles Wood

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.

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 everliving God, who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer thy holy Apostle Thomas to be doubtful in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. 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

Anthem

O sing unto the Lord a new song,
sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.
Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name,
be telling of his salvation from day to day.
For he cometh to judge the earth,
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the people with his truth.

Words Psalm 96 vv. 1, 2, 13 ♦ *Music* James MacMillan (*b.* 1959)

Sermon

The Revd Abigail Davison, Curate

Please stand.

Hymn



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.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

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.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

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 i, *Psalmodia Evangelica* (1789)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Allegro maestoso (from *Sonata I*)

Edward Elgar

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