



CHORAL EVENSONG
ON THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 30 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

I sat down under his shadow with great delight
and his fruit was sweet to my taste
he brought me to the banqueting house
and his banner over me was love.

Words Song of Solomon 2.3-4 ♦ *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 Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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

Psalmody

I will always give thanks unto the Lord ♦ his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord ♦ the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me ♦ and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me ♦ yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened ♦ and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him ♦ yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him ♦ and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is ♦ blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints ♦ for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger ♦ but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me ♦ I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live ♦ and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil ♦ and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good ♦ seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous ♦ and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil ♦ to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them ♦ and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart ♦ and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous ♦ but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones ♦ so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly ♦ and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants ♦ and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 34

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the First Book of Chronicles.

Then the leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O Lord, the God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

1 CHRONICLES 29.6–19

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 SERVICE IN B FLAT, Charles Stanford (1852–1924)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

Stephen continued to speak:

‘Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, who found favour with God and asked that he might find a dwelling-place for the house of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says,

“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?
Did not my hand make all these things?”

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ACTS 7.44–50

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 SERVICE IN B FLAT, Charles Stanford

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 God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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 Philip Moore

Please sit.

Anthem

If the Lord had not helped me: it had not failed but my soul had been put to silence. But when I said, My foot hath slipt: thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart: thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

For the Lord is my refuge: and my God is the strength of my confidence. God is my refuge.

If the Lord had not helped me: it had not failed but my soul had been put to silence. But when I said, My foot hath slipt: thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

Words Psalm 94.17–19, 22 ♦ *Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Sermon

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor

Please stand.

Hymn



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| 1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
and the precious corner-stone,
who, the two walls underlying,
bound in each, binds both in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone. | 3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls for ay. |
| 2. All that dedicated city,
dearly loved by God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in threefold glory,
singing everlastingly. | 4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
here to have and hold for ever,
those good things their prayers obtain,
and hereafter, in thy glory,
with thy blessed ones to reign. |
| 5. Laud and honour to the Father;
laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. | |

Words Latin, 7th–8th century, trans John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Tune WESTMINSTER ABBEY, NEH 205, Henry Purcell (1659–95)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Choral Song and Fugue

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