



**SOLEMN EVENSONG**

**FOR THE**

**EVE OF ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday 31 October 2021  
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

Gloria tibi, Domine, qui natus es de Virgine,  
cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu, in sempiterna saecula. Amen.

*Glory to you, O Lord, who was born of the Virgin,  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Music* William Byrd (1539/40–1623)

## 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* Robert Sharpe

*Please sit for the singing of the psalms but stand for the final Gloria.*

## Psalms

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners ♦ and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side ♦ that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither ♦ and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them ♦ but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement ♦ neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous ♦ and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 I

Ponder my words, O Lord ♦ consider my meditation.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling, my King, and my God ♦ for unto thee will I make my prayer.

My voice shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord ♦ early in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness ♦ neither shall any devil dwell with thee.

Such as be foolish shall not stand in thy sight ♦ for thou hatest all of them that work vanity.

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing ♦ the Lord will abhor both the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thine house, even upon the multitude of thy mercy ♦ and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness, because of mine enemies ♦ make thy way plain before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in his mouth ♦ their inward parts are very wickedness.

Their throat is an open sepulchre ♦ they flatter with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, O God; let them perish through their own imaginations ♦ cast them out in the multitude of their ungodliness; for they have rebelled against thee.

And let all them that put their trust in thee rejoice ♦ they shall ever be giving of thanks, because thou defendest them; they that love thy Name shall be joyful in thee;

For thou, Lord, wilt give thy blessing unto the righteous ♦ and with thy favourable kindness wilt thou defend him as with a shield.

*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 5

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

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

Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,  
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 40.27–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 1. 46–55 ♦ *Music* SERVICE IN E, Charles Wood (1866–1926)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Book of Revelation.

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his bride has made herself ready;

to her it has been granted to be clothed  
with fine linen, bright and pure'—

for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

Here ends the Second Lesson.

REVELATION 19.6–10

*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 E, 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 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 knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; 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

Laudem dicite Deo nostro omnes sancti eius et qui timetis Deum pusilli  
et magni quoniam regnavit dominus Deus noster omnipotens.  
Gaudeamus et exultemus et demus gloriam ei.

*Speak forth praise to our Lord all his holy people and those who fear him,  
both small and great; for our God, the almighty one reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory.*

*Music* John Sheppard (c. 1515–c. 1559)

## Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



Jerusalem the golden,  
with milk and honey blest,  
beneath thy contemplation  
sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not,  
what social joys are there,  
what radiancy of glory,  
what light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,  
conjubilant with song,  
and bright with many an angel,  
and all the martyr throng;  
the Prince is ever in them,  
the daylight is serene,  
the pastures of the blessed  
are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,  
and there, from care released  
the song of them that triumph,  
the shout of them that feast;  
and they who, with their Leader,  
have conquered in the fight,  
for ever and for ever  
are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,  
shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessed country,  
shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
The Lord shall be thy part:  
his only, his for ever,  
thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Words* Bernard of Cluny (1090–1153) translated by J M Neale (1818–66)  
verse 4 by the editors of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861)  
*Tune* EWING, NEH 381, Alexander Ewing (1830–95)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

## Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 532

J S Bach