



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 4 September 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.

While the Minster Choir is on summer holiday, we are grateful to members of the RSCM Residentiary Choir, who are singing the services this week.

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

Please stand when the choir enters the Nave.

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 Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

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

Psalmody

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills ♦ from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord ♦ who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved ♦ and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel ♦ shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper ♦ the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand.
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day ♦ neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ♦ yea, it is even he that shall keep thy
soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in ♦ from this time forth
for evermore.

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 121

Please sit.

First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I will send to Babylon
and break down all the bars,
and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation.
I am the Lord, your Holy One,
the Creator of Israel, your King.
Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.
Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob;
but you have been weary of me, O Israel!

You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings,
or honoured me with your sacrifices.
I have not burdened you with offerings,
or wearied you with frankincense.
You have not bought me sweet cane with money,
or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices.
But you have burdened me with your sins;
you have wearied me with your iniquities.

I, I am He
who blots out your transgressions for my own sake,
and I will not remember your sins.
Accuse me, let us go to trial;
set forth your case, so that you may be proved right.
Your first ancestor sinned,
and your interpreters transgressed against me.
Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
I delivered Jacob to utter destruction,
and Israel to reviling.

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.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 43.14-44.5

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 G, Francis Jackson (1917–2022)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of John.

‘I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge; and my judgement is just, because I seek to do not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

‘If I testify about myself, my testimony is not true. There is another who testifies on my behalf, and I know that his testimony to me is true. You sent messengers to John, and he testified to the truth. Not that I accept such human testimony, but I say these things so that you may be saved. He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. But I have a testimony greater than John’s. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

‘You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father’s name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

JOHN 5,30–end

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 G, Francis Jackson

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 everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, 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 Joanna Forbes L'Estrange

Anthem

Lord, who hast made us for thine own,
Hear as we sing before thy throne. Alleluia.

Accept thy children's rev'rent praise
For all thy wondrous works and ways. Alleluia.

Waves, rolling in on ev'ry shore,
Pause at his footfall and adore. Alleluia.

Ye torrents rushing from the hills,
Bless him whose hand your fountains fills. Alleluia.

Earth, ever through the pow'r divine,
Seedtime and harvest shall be thine. Alleluia.

Sweet flow'rs that perfume all the air,
Thank him that he hath made you fair. Alleluia.

Burn lamps of night, with constant flame,
Shine to the honour of his name. Alleluia.

Thou sun, whom all the lands obey,
Renew his praise from day to day. Alleluia.

Words paraphrase of Psalm 148
Music Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Sermon

The Revd Canon Michael Smith, Acting Dean

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Creator God, the world around
declares your glory—flower and tree,
the evening sky and torrent's sound
and mountain stream and rolling sea.
Yet all this beauty cannot show
a God whom we can truly know.
2. Composer God, all music sings
your power, your praise, your majesty:
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,
in choir and song and symphony.
Yet music which inspires our praise
can never fathom all your ways.
3. Designer God, in shape and form
the beauty you inspire is shown;
in line and colour, etched or drawn,
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.
Yet all these talents can't express
the full truth of your loveliness.

4. Mysterious God, though all the arts
of nature and of human skill
may move us, yet our longing hearts
are never satisfied until
in Jesus Christ you show your face:
a God of love and truth and grace.

Words Brian Hoare (b. 1935)

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Tune MELITA, AM 536, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

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