



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON**

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sunday 7 August 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 the Heslington Singers 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* Bernard Rose (1916–96)

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

## Psalmody

O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready ♦ I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.

Awake, thou lute, and harp ♦ I myself will awake right early.

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people ♦ I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is greater than the heavens ♦ and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens ♦ and thy glory above all the earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered ♦ let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.

God hath spoken in his holiness ♦ I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine ♦ Ephraim also is the strength of my head.

Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot ♦ over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.

Who will lead me into the strong city ♦ and who will bring me into Edom?

Hast not thou forsaken us, O God ♦ and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?

O help us against the enemy ♦ for vain is the help of man.

Through God we shall do great acts ♦ and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

*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 108

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

On that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

He will raise a signal for the nations,  
and will assemble the outcasts of Israel,  
and gather the dispersed of Judah  
from the four corners of the earth.

The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart,  
the hostility of Judah shall be cut off;  
Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah,  
and Judah shall not be hostile towards Ephraim.

But they shall swoop down on the backs of the Philistines in the west;  
together they shall plunder the people of the east.  
They shall put forth their hand against Edom and Moab,  
and the Ammonites shall obey them.

And the Lord will utterly destroy  
the tongue of the sea of Egypt;  
and will wave his hand over the River  
with his scorching wind;  
and will split it into seven channels,  
and make a way to cross on foot;  
so there shall be a highway from Assyria  
for the remnant that is left of his people,  
as there was for Israel  
when they came up from the land of Egypt.

You will say on that day:  
I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:

Give thanks to the Lord,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.  
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 11.10–12.6

*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* ST PAUL'S SERVICE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

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

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, including all the saints throughout Achaia:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, of the affliction we experienced in Asia; for we were so utterly, unbearably crushed that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death so that we would rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He who rescued us from so deadly a peril will continue to rescue us; on him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted to us through the prayers of many.

Indeed, this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience: we have behaved in the world with frankness and godly sincerity, not by earthly wisdom but by the grace of God—and all the more towards you. For we write to you nothing other than what you can read and also understand; I hope you will understand until

the end—as you have already understood us in part—that on the day of the Lord Jesus we are your boast even as you are our boast.

Since I was sure of this, I wanted to come to you first, so that you might have a double favour; I wanted to visit you on my way to Macedonia, and to come back to you from Macedonia and have you send me on to Judea. Was I vacillating when I wanted to do this? Do I make my plans according to ordinary human standards, ready to say ‘Yes, yes’ and ‘No, no’ at the same time? As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been ‘Yes and No.’ For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not ‘Yes and No’; but in him it is always ‘Yes.’ For in him every one of God’s promises is a ‘Yes.’ For this reason it is through him that we say the ‘Amen’, to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

2 CORINTHIANS 1.1–22

*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* ST PAUL’S SERVICE, Herbert Howells

*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**

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; 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* Bernard Rose

## **Anthem**

Blessèd city, heavenly Salem,  
vision dear of peace and love,  
who of living stones art builded  
in the height of heaven above,  
and by Angel hands apparell'd  
as a bride dost earthward move.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,  
they are open evermore;  
and, their well earn'd rest attaining  
thither faithful souls do soar,  
who for Christ's dear name in this world  
pain and tribulation bore.

Out of heav'n from God descending,  
new and ready to be wed  
to thy Lord, whose love espous'd thee,  
fair adorn'd shalt thou be led;  
all thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
of pure gold are fashionèd.

Many a blow and biting sculpture  
polish'd well those stones elect,  
in their places now compacted  
by the heavenly Architect,  
nevermore to leave the Temple  
which with them the Lord hath deck'd.

To this Temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls alway. Amen.

*Words* Latin, 7th–8th century tr. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

*Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946), Organist of York Minster (1913–34)

## **Sermon**

Canon Peter Collier QC

Vicar General of the Province of York and Cathedral Reader

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. God is love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is love, eternal love.

2. God is love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is love, so love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

*Words* NEH 364, Timothy Rees (1874–1939)

*Tune* BLAENWERN, NEH 408, William Rowlands (1860–1937)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

## Voluntary

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