



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

**Sunday 7 November 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

O nata lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light, Jesu Redeemer of the world:  
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises of those who kneel before you.*

*You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost:  
make us members of your blessed body.*

*Words* 10th century ♦ *Music* Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

## 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* Richard Ayleward (1626–69)

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

## **Psalm**

God is our hope and strength ♦ a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved ♦ and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell ♦ and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God ♦ the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed ♦ God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved ♦ but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us ♦ the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord ♦ what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world ♦ he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God ♦ I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us ♦ the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 46

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

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

Look, the Sovereign, the Lord of hosts,  
will lop the boughs with terrifying power;  
the tallest trees will be cut down,  
and the lofty will be brought low.  
He will hack down the thickets of the forest with an axe,  
and Lebanon with its majestic trees will fall.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 10.33–11.9

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

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of John.

Jesus answered, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

JOHN 14.23–29

*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 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, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; 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* Richard Ayleward

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

View me, Lord, a work of thine:  
shall I then lie drown'd in night?  
might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
at thine altar, pure and white;  
they that once thy mercies feel,  
gaze no more on earth's delight.

Worldly joys, like shadows fade  
when the heav'nly light appears;  
but the cov'nants thou hast made,  
endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
to thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
yet thy grace can lift me high.

*Words* Thomas Campion (c. 1567–1620)  
*Music* Richard Lloyd (1933–2021)

## Sermon

Sermon by Peter Collier QC  
Vicar General of the Province of York and Cathedral Reader

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night, and hope of ev'ry nation,  
Hear and receive thy church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.

See round thine ark the hungry billows curling,  
See how thy foes their banners are unfurling;  
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,  
Thou canst preserve us.

Lord, thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;  
Lord, thou canst save when sin itself assaileth;  
Christ, o'er thy rock nor death nor hell prevai-leth:  
Grant us thy peace, Lord:

Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging,  
Peace in thy church, where brothers are engaging,  
Peace, when the world its busy war is waging:  
    Calm thy foes' raging.

Grant us thy help till backward they are driven;  
Grant them thy truth, that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth, or, after we have striven,  
    Peace in thy heaven.

*Words* Philip Pusey (1799–1855) after M von Löwenstern (1594–1648)  
*Tune* ISTE CONFESSOR NEH 404, Poitiers Antiphoner (1746)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Intermezzo (*Symphonie VI*)

Charles-Marie Widor