



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**with the Installation of the  
Revd Dr Peniel Rajkumar  
as Honorary Minor Canon Theologian**

**Sunday 8 May 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.

## The Revd Dr Peniel Rajkumar

The Revd Dr Peniel Rajkumar joined USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel) in July 2021 as Global Theologian in a unique position that seeks to further the agency's theological engagement with the world Church. He brought a wealth of experience in facilitating ecumenical relationships as Programme Coordinator for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation at the World Council of Churches. He has held teaching positions at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey and the United Theological College in Bangalore, and has written extensively on Dalit theology, missiology and interfaith dialogue.

In his role as Global Theologian, Peniel is part of USPG's research team, addressing some of the defining issues of our time. His work takes a deep and systematic look at the contexts in which USPG's partners are engaged around the world. With Peniel installed as Honorary Minor Canon Theologian at York Minster, USPG looks forward to continuing a long and mutually beneficial partnership here.

Peniel will bring a global perspective to our understanding of Christianity and discipleship. He will contribute a distinctive voice to our theological discussions and Bible Studies, and to our teaching through participating in webinars as well as other opportunities, such as preaching and leading small groups.

# 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.

## 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 Philip Moore (b. 1943)*

## The Installation of an Honorary Minor Canon

*The Precentor says:*

Mr Acting Dean, we present to you Peniel Rajkumar,  
to be installed by you into the stall assigned to his office.

*Placing the Honorary Minor Canon in his stall, the Acting Dean says:*

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Michael Smith, Acting Dean, install you, Peniel,  
into the stall of assigned to your office as Honorary Minor Canon.

The Lord give you wisdom, fidelity, courtesy  
and love in your heart and in your deeds.

**Amen.**

*The Precentor says:*

Let us pray.

We pray for this Cathedral,  
and for Peniel as he joins us as Honorary Minor Canon,  
that all who share the responsibility and the privileges  
of the stewardship of this Minster,  
the offering of its worship,  
and the furtherance of its mission,  
may work together as a sign of the kingdom of God  
and a witness to the world.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Once the installation has taken place the Acting Dean says:*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

## Psalm

When Israel came out of Egypt ♦ and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.

Judah was his sanctuary ♦ and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that, and fled ♦ Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams ♦ and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest ♦ and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams ♦ and ye little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord ♦ at the presence of the God of Jacob.

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water ♦ and the flint-stone into a springing well.

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 114

## First Lesson

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

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled  
and grieved his holy spirit;  
therefore he became their enemy;  
he himself fought against them.  
Then they remembered the days of old,  
of Moses his servant.  
Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?  
Where is the one who put within them  
his holy spirit,  
who caused his glorious arm  
to march at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?  
Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.  
Like cattle that go down into the valley,  
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.  
Thus you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 63.7-14

## 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 A, Charles Stanford (1852–1924)

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Luke.

While the disciples were talking, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 24.36–49

## 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 A, Charles Stanford

## 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.

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 God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness: Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

## Anthem

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn in strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion burst his chains, and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him through death's domains the long imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey alone our Leader bore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now his sceptre ruleth all;  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow, and at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing, his mercy we implore,  
into his palace bright to bring and keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee, while endless ages run.  
Alleluia! Amen.

*Words* Fulbert of Chartres, (c. 975–1028), tr. Robert Campbell (1814–68)

*Music* Charles Stanford (1852–1924)

# Sermon

The Revd Dr Peniel Rajkumar, Honorary Minor Canon Theologian

*Please stand.*

# Hymn



1. All-creating heavenly Giver,  
bringing light and life to birth;  
all-sustaining heavenly Father  
of the families of earth:  
we, your children, lift our voices  
singing gladly of your love:  
never-ending are the praises  
rising to your throne above.

2. Ever-living Lord and Saviour,  
breaking chains of sin and shame;  
ever-loving Intercessor,  
prayers are answered in your name:  
we, your servants, liberated  
at a fearsome ransom-price,  
in your kingdom are united  
by that mighty sacrifice.

3. Life-conceiving wind of heaven,  
breathing gifts upon us all;  
life-enhancing Spirit, given  
to enrich us, great and small:  
we, whose talents widely differ,  
now restore to you your own,  
and in true thanksgiving offer  
all we are before the throne.

4. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessing all within your hand:  
full the cup that we inherit,  
firm the ground on which we stand:  
we, your people, undeserving  
of the grace you freely give,  
now and ever, in thanksgiving  
to your praise and glory live.

*Words* AM 485, Michael Saward (*b.* 1932)

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*Tune* RUSTINGTON, NEH 477, Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

*Please remain standing.*

## **The Blessing**

### **Voluntary**

Répons pour le temps de Pâques

Jeanne Demessieux