



**EVENSONG**

**ON**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 9 May 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.

## Introit

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

*Words* Pynson's Horae (1514) ♦ *Music* Richard Lloyd (1933–2021)

## 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 Radcliffe (1905–86)

## Psalm

My heart is inditing of a good matter ♦ I speak of the thing which I have made  
unto the King.

My tongue is the pen ♦ of a ready writer.

Thou art fairer than the children of men ♦ full of grace are thy lips, because God  
hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty ♦ according to  
thy worship and renown.

Good luck have thou with thine honour ♦ ride on, because of the word of truth  
, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible  
things.

Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee ♦ even in  
the midst among the King's enemies.

Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever ♦ the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right  
sceptre.

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity ♦ wherefore God, even thy  
God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia ♦ out of the ivory palaces,  
whereby they have made thee glad.

Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women ♦ upon thy right hand did  
stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.

Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear ; forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.

So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty ♦ for his is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.

And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift ♦ like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.

The King's daughter is all glorious within ♦ her clothing is of wrought gold.

She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work ♦ the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.

With joy and gladness shall they be brought ♦ and shall enter into the King's palace.

Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children ♦ whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.

I will remember thy Name from one generation to another ♦ therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

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.

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## First Lesson

The First Lesson is from the Song of Solomon.

Awake, O north wind,  
and come, O south wind!  
Blow upon my garden  
that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.  
Let my beloved come to his garden,  
and eat its choicest fruits.

I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;  
I gather my myrrh with my spice,  
I eat my honeycomb with my honey,  
I drink my wine with my milk.

Eat, friends, drink,  
and be drunk with love.

I slept, but my heart was awake.  
Listen! my beloved is knocking.  
'Open to me, my sister, my love,  
my dove, my perfect one;  
for my head is wet with dew,  
my locks with the drops of the night.'

Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
a raging flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If one offered for love  
all the wealth of one's house,  
it would be utterly scorned.

Here ends the first lesson.

SONG OF SOLOMON 4.16–5.2: 8.6, 7

## 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* THE JESUS COLLEGE SERVICE, William Mathias (1934–92)

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Book of Revelation.

‘And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God’s creation:

‘I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.’

Here ends the second lesson.

REVELATION 3.14–end

## 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 ♦ THE JESUS COLLEGE SERVICE, William Mathias

## 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

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform 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 Radcliffe

## Anthem

Dum transisset sabbatum Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome emerunt aromata; ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia.

Et valde mane una sabbatorum veniunt ad monumentum, orto iam sole; ut venientes ungerent Jesum. Alleluia.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Alleluia.

*When the Sabbath was over Mary Magdalen and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices so that they might come and anoint Jesus. Alleluia.*

*And very early on the first day of the week they came to the tomb when the sun had risen, so that they might come and anoint Jesus. Alleluia.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.*

*Words* St Mark 16.1–2, Responsory, Matins of Easter Day

*Music* John Taverner (c. 1490–1545)

## **Sermon**

The Revd Michael Smith, Canon Pastor

## **The Blessing**

## **Voluntary**

Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

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