



FIRST EVENSONG  
OF  
PETER THE APOSTLE

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

## Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this online expression of Choral Evensong as we celebrate the Feast of St Peter, our Patron Saint. 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.

We hope you find this service helpful, and are so pleased you can join us. We now keep a moment of silence to rest in God's presence before the service begins.

## Order of Service

*A bell is rung and this prayer is sung:*

Peace be to this house ♦ And to all that dwell in it.

This is the day which the Lord hath made ♦ We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, who knowest all hearts, be merciful to us sinners and graciously assist us in our ministry before thee, that so we may offer a service and sacrifice well-pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is none other than the house of God ♦ This is the gate of heaven.

### 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.**

### Psalm 67

God be merciful unto us, and bless us ♦ and shew us the light of his countenance,  
and be merciful unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth ♦ thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God ♦ yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad ♦ for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,  
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God ♦ let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase ♦ and God, even our own God,  
shall give us his blessing.

God shall bless us ♦ and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

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.**

*Chant Tone 5.1*

## First Lesson

Ezekiel 3,1–11

He said to me, O mortal, eat what is offered to you; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat. He said to me, Mortal, eat this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was as sweet as honey.

He said to me: Mortal, go to the house of Israel and speak my very words to them. For you are not sent to a people of obscure speech and difficult language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of obscure speech and difficult language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to them, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me; because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. See, I have made your face hard against their faces, and your forehead hard against their foreheads. Like the hardest stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not fear them or be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house. He said to me: Mortal, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart and hear with your ears; then go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them. Say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God’; whether they hear or refuse to hear.

## 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 G, Francis Jackson (*b.* 1917)

## Second Lesson

Acts 9. 32–end

Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralysed. Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## 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

## 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, Responses and Collects

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.

O Almighty God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandest him earnestly to feed thy flock; Make, we beseech thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach thy holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory; 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.**

## **Anthem**

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

*Words* St Bernard (1090–1153) translated by E Caswall (1814–1878)

*Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

## **Sermon**

The Revd Canon Dr Victoria Johnson, Precentor

## **Voluntary**

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

J S Bach

*played by Robert Sharpe*