



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WITH THE READING OUT

OF CHOIR MEMBERS

**Sunday 17 July 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.

Aisle Prayers

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

Hear my prayer, O Lord : and let my crying come unto thee.

Words Psalm 102.1 ♦ *Music* Henry Purcell (1659–95)

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)

Psalm

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills ♦ from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord ♦ who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved ♦ and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel ♦ shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper ♦ the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day ♦ neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil ♦ yea, it is even he that shall keep thy
soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in ♦ from this time forth
for evermore.

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 121

First Lesson

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

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 52.7-10

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* SERVICE IN D, George Dyson (1883–1964)

Second Lesson

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

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here ends the second lesson.

EPHESIANS 5.15–20

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 D, George Dyson

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

Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; 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

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of heav'n's joy,
Sphere-born harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse,
Wed your divine sounds, and mixed pow'r employ,
Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce;
And to our high-raised phantasy present
That undisturbèd song of pure content,
Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne
To Him that sits thereon,
With saintly shout, and solemn jubilee,
Where the bright Seraphim in burning row
Their loud uplifted angel-trumpets blow,
And the cherubic host in thousand quires
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,
With those just Spirits that wear victorious palms,
Hymns devout and holy psalms
Singing everlastingly:
That we on earth with undiscording voice
May rightly answer that melodious noise;
As once we did, till disproportioned sin
Jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din
Broke the fair music that all creatures made
To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed
In perfect diapason, whilst they stood
In first obedience, and their state of good.
O may we soon again renew that song,
And keep in tune with Heav'n, till God ere long
To his celestial concert us unite,
To live with him, and sing in endless morn of light.

Words John Milton (1608–74) ♦ *Music* Charles Hubert Parry (1848–1918)

Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

Hymn

During the singing of the hymn, the Acting Dean, the Precentor, the Director of Music and departing members of the Choir move to the nave sanctuary.



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| <p>1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?</p> <p>2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
while I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face:
They sing, because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun,
there alleluias be.</p> | <p>3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire,
then shall I sing and take my part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.</p> <p>4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.</p> |
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Words NEH 373, John Mason (c. 1646–1694)

Tune COE FEN, CP 466, Ken Naylor (1931–91)

The Reading Out

The Director of Music says:

Mr Acting Dean, I present to you these boys and girls who completed their service of God as Choristers of this Cathedral Church in 2020, and I ask you in the name of the Chapter to give them tokens of our gratitude for their service.

The Director of Music calls out the names of the Choristers who left in 2020:

Siân Amende, Olivia Bryan, Naomi Simon, Susannah Watts,
Michael Adams, Thomas Gibson, Giles Hill and Lucas Selby-Jerrold.

The Acting Dean takes each former Chorister by the hand, gives them a book of music, and says:

N, receive these sacred words and music. May God, who has called you to offer music to his praise in this holy house, give you grace to love him always with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

The holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

Amen.

Mr Acting Dean, I present to you these boys and girls who completed their service of God as Choristers of this Cathedral Church in 2021, and I ask you in the name of the Chapter to give them tokens of our gratitude for their service.

The Director of Music calls out the names of the Choristers who left in 2021:

Sylvia Blanckley-Sharp, Henrietta Hugill,
Henry Hine, Oliver Musgrave and Martin Sketchley.

The Acting Dean takes each former Chorister by the hand, gives them a book of music, and says:

N, receive these sacred words and music. May God, who has called you to offer music to his praise in this holy house, give you grace to love him always with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

The holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

Amen.

Mr Acting Dean, I present to you these boys and girls who have completed their service of God as Choristers of this Cathedral Church, and I ask you in the name of the Chapter to give them tokens of our gratitude for their service.

The Director of Music calls out the names of the departing Choristers one by one:

Lola Alsop, Katie-Rose James, Clara McAllister, Libby Sykes,
Sam Brophy, William Gawthorp, Charles Grant and Noah Thio.

The Acting Dean takes each Chorister by the hand, gives them a book of music, and says:

N, receive these sacred words and music. May God, who has called you to offer music to his praise in this holy house, give you grace to love him always with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

The holy and eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

Amen.

The Precentor says:

Mr Acting Dean, I present to you Eleanor Page, Freddie Foster and Edwin Lambert, who have completed their period of service as Choral Scholars in the choir of this Cathedral Church.

The Acting Dean replies:

Ellie, Freddie and Ed, I thank you on behalf of all who work and worship in this holy house, for your service and fellowship as a member of the Minster Choir.

The Precentor says:

Mr Acting Dean, I present to you James Cave, who has completed his period of service as a Vicar Choral in the choir of this Cathedral Church.

The Acting Dean replies:

James, I thank you on behalf of all who work and worship in this holy house, for your service and fellowship as a member of the Minster Choir.

The holy and eternal God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and always.

Amen.

The Acting Dean prays for those leaving the choir:

We commend to your fatherly care, O Lord,
those who are now leaving the choir of this Cathedral Church.
May your goodness and mercy follow them throughout their life.
Guard them in danger and keep them from evil,
guide them constantly in the right way,
grant that the work you have begun in them may be continued,
and that the gifts which you have given to them may mature and increase.
This we ask for the glory of your name,
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please stand.

Hymn



1. Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us? Yea, we can.

3. For, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

5. Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Words Francis Pott (1832–1909) ♦ *Tune* ANGEL VOICES, E G Monk (1819–1900)

Blessing

Please stand. The Acting Dean says:

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,
so that with one voice
you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please sit as the choir sings:

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness
nor dazzling but one equal light, no noise nor silence but one equal music, no
fears nor hopes but one equal possession, no ends nor beginnings but one equal
eternity, in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Words John Donne (1573–1631) ♦ *Music* William Harris (1883–1973)

Please stand as the procession leaves the Minster.

Voluntary

Final (*Symphonie III*)

Louis Vierne

