



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

CHORAL EVENSONG

*commemorating the eightieth anniversary
of the D-Day Landings*

**Thursday 6 June 2024
at 5.30pm**

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 the United Kingdom is commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day with a series of commemorations and events both here and in France. D-Day was the successful allied invasion of the beaches of Normandy on 6th June 1944. Codenamed Operation Neptune, the Normandy landings made up the largest seaborne invasion in history and played a crucial role in liberating Western Europe from Nazi occupation.

As we are immersed in the words of scripture, spoken and sung, and are given time and space to lose ourselves in prayer and come closer to God, we honour in our hearts those who risked their lives for freedom and peace eighty years ago today and we pray for a world free from violence, war and terror.



Information about this Service

- ◆ Please join in saying together the words printed in bold type and in singing the hymn.
- ◆ Please follow the directions of the stewards.
- ◆ For licensing and safeguarding reasons, please do not record this service on your own devices.
- ◆ The Minster donates 10% of the cash and direct debits given by worshippers at this service to charity. We are currently supporting three charities: HOPE Africa, a charity which was initiated by our companion link dioceses in SA; Mustard Seed, a York Diocese based organisation which works in the poorest parts of our diocese; and a variety of Refugee charities based in the City of York. The rest of the money given at this service is used to support the mission and ministry of York Minster. Thank you for your generosity.
- ◆ Donations can be made via the following QR code:



Order of Service

A bell is rung and prayers are sung.

Please stand when the choir enters the Quire.

Preces

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music Matthew Martin (*b* 1976)

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

Psalmody

Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven ♦ and whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin ♦ and in whose spirit
there is no guile.

For while I held my tongue ♦ my bones consumed away through my daily
complaining.

For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night ♦ and my moisture is like the
drought in summer.

I will acknowledge my sin unto thee ♦ and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord ♦ and so thou forgavest the
wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when
thou mayest be found ♦ but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh
him.

Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble ♦ thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go ♦ and I will guide thee with mine eyes.

Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding ♦ whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle. lest they fall upon thee.

Great plagues remain for the ungodly ♦ but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoyce in the Lord ♦ and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

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 32

Rejoyce in the Lord, O ye righteous ♦ for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp ♦ sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song ♦ sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement ♦ the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦ and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap ♦ and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ♦ stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done ♦ he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought ♦ and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah ♦ and blessed are the folk,

that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ♦ from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them ♦ and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host ♦ neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man ♦ neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ♦ and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ♦ for he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him ♦ because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us ♦ like as we do put our trust in thee.

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 33

I will always give thanks unto the Lord ♦ his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord ♦ the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me ♦ and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me ♦ yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened ♦ and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him ♦ yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him ♦ and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is ♦ blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints ♦ for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger ♦ but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me ♦ I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that lusteth to live ♦ and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil ♦ and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good ♦ seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous ♦ and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil ♦ to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them ♦ and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart ♦ and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous ♦ but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones ♦ so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly ♦ and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants ♦ and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Please stand.

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 34

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?
Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 40.25-31

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 I. 46–55

Music EVENING SERVICE IN B MINOR, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867–1953)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’

‘Where, O death, is your victory?’

Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

I CORINTHIANS 15.51-58

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 EVENING SERVICE IN B MINOR, Thomas Tertius Noble

Please remain standing and turn to face east.

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

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please thee, both in will and deed; 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 Matthew Martin

Please sit.

Anthem

Remember for good, O Father, those whose names we commemorate before thee: to whom we render honour and give thanks in thy holy house. They went through the air and space without fear, and the shining stars marked their shining deeds. They counted not their lives dear unto themselves but laid them down for their friends.

O Christ, O Lord of Lords, prince of the armies of heaven, write their names in thy book of immortality. And give to them that on earth were faithful unto death, thy crown of life in the paradise of God.

Words Compiled by the Very Reverend Eric Milner Milner-White (1884–1863),
Dean of York (1941–1963)

Music Francis Jackson (1917–2022), Organist of York Minster (1946–1982)

The Prayers

Led by the Reverend Canon Maggie McLean, Missioner

Please stand.

Hymn



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| <p>1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.</p> <p>2. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.</p> | <p>3. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.</p> <p>4. O let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.</p> |
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Words NEH 420, John Ernest Bode (1816–1874)
Tune WOLVERCOTE, NEH 420, William Harold Ferguson (1874–1950)

The Blessing

Please remain as quiet as possible as the choir processes out and sings the final prayer; this is followed by the organ voluntary which concludes the service.

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