



The Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of St Peter in York

## CHORAL EVENSONG

*commemorating the thirtieth anniversary  
of the ordination of women to the priesthood*

**Tuesday 4 June 2024  
at 5.30pm**

# Welcome

Welcome to this special service commemorating the thirtieth anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in the Church of England. In 1994, thirty-nine women were priested during two services in this Cathedral Church, and thousands more were ordained across the country. This was a tremendous moment for the Church of England. Today we celebrate and give thanks for this historic event as we continue our journey to make the Church a fully inclusive and diverse community of faith, where all are welcomed and nurtured. Please do stay for cake and Prosecco after the service.



## 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

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me ♦ and art so far  
from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not ♦ and in the night-season  
also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy ♦ O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee ♦ they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen ♦ they put their trust in thee, and were  
not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man ♦ a very scorn of men, and the outcast of  
the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn ♦ they shoot out their lips, and shake  
their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him ♦ let him deliver him, if he will  
have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb ♦ thou wast my hope,  
when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born ♦ thou art my God, even from my  
mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand ♦ and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me ♦ fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths ♦ as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint ♦ my heart also in  
the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums ♦  
and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

For many dogs are come about me ♦ and the council of the wicked layeth siege  
against me.

They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones ♦ they stand staring  
and looking upon me.

They part my garments among them ♦ and casts lots upon my vesture.

But be not thou far from me, O Lord ♦ thou art my succour, haste thee to help  
me.

Deliver my soul from the sword ♦ my darling from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth ♦ thou hast heard me also from among the horns  
of the unicorns.

I will declare thy Name unto my brethren ♦ in the midst of the congregation will  
I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him ♦ magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob,  
and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor ♦ he hath not  
hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation ♦ my vows will I perform in the  
sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied ♦ they that seek after the Lord shall praise  
him; your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the  
Lord ♦ and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦ and he is the Governor among the people.

All such as be fat upon earth ♦ have eaten and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him ♦ and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him ♦ they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness ♦ unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

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 22

The Lord is my shepherd ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture ♦ and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul ♦ and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ♦ for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me ♦ thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 23

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

read by the Reverend Jenny Rankin

The First Lesson is from the Book of Prophet Isaiah.

The Lord says this:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,

and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 62.1-3

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea Dominum:  
et exultavit spiritus meus  
in Deo salutari meo.  
Quia respexit humilitatem  
ancillæ suæ:

ecce enim ex hoc beatam me  
dicent omnes generationes.  
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est,  
et sanctum nomen eius.  
Et misericordia eius a progenie  
in progenies timentibus eum.  
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo,  
dispersit superbos  
mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede  
et exaltavit humiles.  
Esurientes implevit bonis et divites  
dimisit inanes.  
Suscepit Israel puerum  
suum recordatus misericordiæ suæ,  
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto:

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*Words* LUKE 1. 46-55

*Music* MAGNIFICAT OCTAVI TONI, Tomás Luis de Victoria (c 1548-1611)

*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.*

*Please sit.*

## **Second Lesson**

read by the Reverend Gloria Naylor

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

MATTHEW 9.35–38

*Please stand.*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,  
secundum verbum tuum in pace:  
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum  
quod parasti ante faciem  
omnium populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium,  
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.  
Gloria Patri, et Filio,  
et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,  
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Words* LUKE 2. 29–32

*Music* Amy Summers (b 1996)

*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.*

*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**

In manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum,  
redemisti me, Domine, Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,  
for thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.  
Keep me as the apple of an eye.  
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

*Words* PSALM 31. 6, PSALM 17. 8 and GLORIA PATRI  
*Music* Kerry Andrew (b 1978)

## **Prayers**

Led by the Reverend Maggie McLean, Canon Missioner

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Canon Sue Sheriff

*Please stand.*

# Hymn



1. Hope of our calling: hope through courage won  
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.  
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,  
will bring his gospel to a waiting world.
2. Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,  
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;  
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,  
to live for God in all we say and do.
3. Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,  
from death's despair the gift of life restored;  
our call to serve, to wash each other's feet,  
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.
4. Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold  
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;  
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,  
the kingdom's harvest from the kingdom's seeds.
5. Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,  
old joys remembered and new purpose found,  
our call refreshed by sacrament and word,  
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Words* AM 493, Ally Barrett (b 1975) © 2006 Ally Barrett  
*Tune* WOODLANDS, AM 394, Walter Greatorex (1877–1949)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

Almighty God, who for the salvation of the world gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of you in your own ministry; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*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.*

## Voluntary

*There will be an opportunity to make a donation to support the music, ministry and mission of York Minster as you leave.*

*Everyone is invited to refreshments after the service.*