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Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this online expression 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.

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.

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 97

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof ♦ yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him ♦ righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him ♦ and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world ♦ the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord ♦ at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness ♦ and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods ♦ worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced ♦ and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth ♦ thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil ♦ the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous ♦ and the joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous ♦ and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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.

First Lesson

Isaiah 61.1–9

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.

For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

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* PLAINSONG

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 6.1–10

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says,

‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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* YORK SERVICE, Judith Bingham (b. 1952)

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 and everlasting God, who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word; grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same; 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

Give us the wings of faith to rise
 within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
 how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
 they, with one united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
 their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
 his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
 they reached the promised rest.

Words Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music Ernest Bullock (1890–1979)

Blessing