

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST EVENSONG OF
PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022 AT 4.00 PM

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.

Order of Service

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.

Please stand as the procession enters.

Introit

Terra tremuit et quievit dum resurgeret in judicio Deus. Alleluia

The earth trembled and was still, when God arose to judgement. Alleluia.

Words Psalm 76.8–9 ♦ *Music* William Byrd (1539/40–1623)

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)

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

Psalmody

Bow down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me ♦ for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy • my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord ♦ for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant ♦ for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious ♦ and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer ♦ and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee ♦ for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord ♦ there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hadst made shall come and worship thee, O Lord ♦ and shall glorify thy Name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things ♦ thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth ♦ O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart ♦ and will praise thy Name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me • and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me • and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy ♦ long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me • give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed ♦ because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

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 86

Please sit.

First Lesson

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

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 40.27-end

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 1. 46–55

Music Evening Service in D, Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of John.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

JOHN 12.20-26

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 D, Edward Bairstow

Please remain standing.

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.

Please sit or kneel.

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

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son 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

Please sit.

Anthem

The day draws on with golden light, glad songs go echoing through the height, the broad earth lifts an answering cheer, and hell makes moan with wailing fear.

For lo, he comes, the mighty King, to take from death his power and sting, to trample down his gloomy reign, and break the weary prisoner's chain.

Maker of all, to thee we pray, fulfil in us thy joy today; when death assails, grant, Lord, that we may share thy Paschal victory. Amen.

Words Latin Office Hymn, trans. Thomas Alexander Lacey Music Edward Bairstow

Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

Please stand.

Hymn



Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King. To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay: bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all mankind rejoice and say Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that Love, that Life, which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing to-day with one accord the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words Cyril Alington (1872–1955)
Tune Gelobt Sei Gott, am 203, M Vulpius Gesangbuch (1609)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Allegro giocoso (from Sonata in Eflat)

Edward Bairstow

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