



# CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE THIRD SUNDAY  
BEFORE LENT  
SEPTUAGESIMA

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 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.

# 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

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

*Words* St Bernard (1090–1153) translated by E Caswall (1814–1878)

*Music* Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

## 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* Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

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

## **Psalmody**

O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation ♦ neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak ♦ O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

My soul also is sore troubled ♦ but, Lord, how long wilt thou punish me?

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul ♦ O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For in death no man remembereth thee ♦ and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

I am weary of my groaning; every night wash I my bed ♦ and water my couch with my tears.

My beauty is gone for very trouble ♦ and worn away because of all mine enemies.

Away from me, all ye that work vanity ♦ for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my petition ♦ the Lord will receive my prayer.

All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed ♦ they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

*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 6

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

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

Israel is a luxuriant vine  
that yields its fruit.  
The more his fruit increased  
the more altars he built;  
as his country improved,  
he improved his pillars.  
Their heart is false;  
now they must bear their guilt.  
The Lord will break down their altars,  
and destroy their pillars.

For now they will say:  
‘We have no king,  
for we do not fear the Lord,  
and a king—what could he do for us?’  
They utter mere words;  
with empty oaths they make covenants;  
so litigation springs up like poisonous weeds  
in the furrows of the field.  
The inhabitants of Samaria tremble  
for the calf of Beth-aven.  
Its people shall mourn for it,  
and its idolatrous priests shall wail over it,  
over its glory that has departed from it.  
The thing itself shall be carried to Assyria  
as tribute to the great king.  
Ephraim shall be put to shame,  
and Israel shall be ashamed of his idol.

Samaria’s king shall perish  
like a splinter on the face of the waters.  
The high places of Aven, the sin of Israel,  
shall be destroyed.  
Thorn and thistle shall grow up  
on their altars.  
They shall say to the mountains, Cover us,  
and to the hills, Fall on us.

Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
reap steadfast love;  
break up your fallow ground;  
for it is time to seek the Lord,  
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Here ends the First Lesson.

HOSEA 10.1-8, 12

*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, George Dyson (1883-1964)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Letter of Paul the Apostle to the Galatians.

Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

Friends, I beg you, become as I am, for I also have become as you are. You have done me no wrong. You know that it was because of a physical infirmity that I first announced the gospel to you; though my condition put you to the test, you did not scorn or despise me, but welcomed me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus. What has become of the goodwill you felt? For I testify that, had it been possible, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? They make much of you, but for no good purpose; they want to exclude you, so that you may make much of them. It is good to be made much of for a good purpose at all times, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, I wish I were present with you now and could change my tone, for I am perplexed about you.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

GALATIANS 4.8–20

*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, George Dyson

*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 Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. 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

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people: ascribe unto the Lord worship and power. Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his name. Let the whole earth stand in awe of him. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that he shall judge the people righteously. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Sing unto the Lord, and praise his name: be telling of his salvation from day to day his wonders unto all people. As for the gods of the heathen, they are but idols. Their idols are silver and gold: even the work of men's hands. They have mouths, and speak not: eyes have they, and see not. They have ears, and hear not: noses have they, and smell not. They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them: and so are all such as put their trust in them. As for our God, he is in heaven: he hath done whatsoever pleased him. The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us: even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron. He shall bless them that fear the Lord: both small and great. Ye are the blessed of the Lord: you and your children. Ye are the blessed of the Lord: who made heaven and earth.

*Words* Psalms 96 and 115 ♦ *Music* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)

# Sermon

The Revd Michael Smith, Acting Dean and Canon Pastor

*Please stand.*

# Hymn



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| 1. When all thy mercies, O my God,<br>my rising soul surveys,<br>transported with the view, I'm lost<br>in wonder, love and praise.    | 4. When worn with sickness oft hast thou<br>with health renewed my face;<br>And when in sins and sorrows sunk,<br>revived my soul with grace. |
| 2. Unnumbered comforts to my soul<br>thy tender care bestowed,<br>before my infant heart conceived<br>from whom those comforts flowed. | 5. Through every period of my life<br>thy goodness I'll pursue,<br>and after death in distant worlds<br>the glorious theme renew.             |
| 3. When in the slippery paths of youth<br>with heedless steps I ran,<br>thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,<br>and led me up to man.    | 6. Through all eternity to thee<br>a joyful song I'll raise;<br>for O, eternity's too short<br>to utter all thy praise.                       |

*Words* Joseph Addison (1672–1719)

*Tune* CONTEMPLATION, NEH 472, Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825–89)

*Please remain standing.*

# The Blessing

# Voluntary

Prelude in C

Edward Bairstow

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