



# CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE FIRST SUNDAY  
OF LENT

SUNDAY 6 MARCH 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

O nata lux de lumine Jesu Redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of light, Jesu Redeemer of the world:  
deign in mercy to hear the prayers and praises of those who kneel before you.  
You who once deigned to take flesh for the sake of those who were lost:  
make us members of your blessed body.*

*Words 10th century ♦ Music Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)*

## 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 William Smith (1603–45)*

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

## **Psalmody**

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me ♦ O give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me ♦ because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right ♦ and that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort ♦ according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live ♦ for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly about to destroy me ♦ but I will be occupied in thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy testimonies ♦ be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes ♦ that I be not ashamed.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation ♦ and I have a good hope because of thy word.

Mine eyes long sore for thy word ♦ saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke ♦ yet do I not forget thy statutes.

How many are the days of thy servant ♦ when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

The proud have digged pits for me ♦ which are not after thy law.

All thy commandments are true ♦ they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

They had almost made an end of me upon earth ♦ but I forsook not thy commandments.

O quicken me after thy loving-kindness ♦ and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

*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 119.73–88

*Please sit.*

## **First Lesson**

The First Lesson is from the Book of Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Here ends the First Lesson.

JONAH 3

*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* GLOUCESTER SERVICE, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Gospel of Luke.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

LUKE 18.9–14

*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* GLOUCESTER SERVICE, Herbert Howells

*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, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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* William Smith

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Beati quorum via integra est: qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are they whose way is blameless: who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*Words* Psalm 119.1

*Music* Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

## Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
and purge away my sin;  
from earthborn passions set me free,  
and make me pure within.
2. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
with care and woe opprest;  
let me thy loving servant be,  
and taste thy promised rest.
3. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
amid the battle's strife;  
in all my pain and misery  
be thou my health and life.
4. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity  
point thou the heavenly way.
5. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
when flows the tempest high:  
when on doth rush the enemy  
O Saviour, be thou nigh.
6. Lord Jesus, think on me,  
that, when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see,  
and share thy joy at last.

*Words* Greek, Synesius of Cyrene (375–430) tr A W Chatfield (1808–96)

*Tune* SOUTHWELL, NEH 70, W Daman (1540–91)

*Please remain standing.*

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671

J S Bach

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