



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**SUNDAY 9 JANUARY 2021**  
**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

Ante luciferum genitus et ante saecula Dominus, salvator noster hodie mundo apparuit. Alleluia.

*Begotten before the morning star and Lord before all time, our Saviour has today appeared in the world. Alleluia.*

*Words* Antiphon at Lauds for the feast of the Epiphany

*Music* Jacob Handl (1550–91)

## 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* Robert Sharpe

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

## **Psalmody**

God is our hope and strength ♦ a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved ♦ and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof rage and swell ♦ and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God ♦ the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed ♦ God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved ♦ but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us ♦ the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord ♦ what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

He maketh wars to cease in all the world ♦ he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

Be still then, and know that I am God ♦ I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us ♦ the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 46

*Please sit.*

## First Lesson

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

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
    come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
    come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
    without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
    and your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
    and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
    listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
    my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
    a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
    and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
    for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
    call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
    and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
    and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
    so are my ways higher than your ways  
    and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Here ends the First Lesson.

ISAIAH 10.33–11.10

*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 G, Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

*Please sit.*

## Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

ROMANS 6.1-11

*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 G, Herbert Sumsion

*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 mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil 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.

*Music* Robert Sharpe

*Please sit.*

## Anthem

Tribus miraculis ornatum diem sanctum colimus:  
hodie stella Magos duxit ad praesepe:  
hodie vinum ex aqua factum est ad nuptias;  
hodie a Joanne Christus baptizari voluit, ut salvaret nos. Alleluia.

*We celebrate a day sanctified by three miracles:  
today a star led the Wise Men to the manger;  
today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast;  
today Christ chose to be baptized by John for our salvation. Alleluia.*

*Words* Magnificat Antiphon for the Epiphany

*Music* Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525–94)

## Sermon

The Revd Catriona Cumming, Succentor

*Please stand.*

## Hymn



1. O Trinity of blessed light,  
O Unity of primal might,  
the fiery sun now goes his way,  
shed thou within our hearts thy ray.
2. To thee our morning song of praise,  
to thee our evening prayer we raise,  
thy glory, suppliant, we adore,  
for ever and for evermore.
3. O Trinity, O Unity,  
thou help of man's infirmity,  
protect us through the hours of night,  
who art our everlasting light.
4. To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
let glory, praise and worship be  
from age to age eternally. Amen.

*Words* Latin, translated by J M Neale (1818–66) and editors of NEH  
*Tune* O LUX BEATA, NEH 54

*Please remain standing.*

# The Blessing

## Voluntary

Praeludium in G minor

Dietrich Buxtehude