



EVENSONG

ON

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020

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.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now comes to its climax with this Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more 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.

Introit

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum? Alleluia.

Quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet, Alleluia.

Omnes gentes plaudite manibus:

jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,

sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking into heaven? Alleluia.

He shall so come as you have seen him going into heaven. Alleluia.

O clap your hands together, all ye people.

O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

Glory be...

Words Acts 1.11 and Psalm 47.1 ♦ Music William Byrd (1540–1623)

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 Robert Sharpe (b. 1971)

Psalm 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel ♦ the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure ♦ that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared ♦ thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice ♦ the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly ♦ but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure ♦ holiness becometh thine house 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.

First Lesson

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,
is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.
And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Here ends the first lesson.

2 Samuel 23.1–7

Magnificat

Magnificat anima mea Dominum: et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.	<i>My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.</i>
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ:	<i>For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand- maiden.</i>
ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.	<i>For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.</i>
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.	<i>For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.</i>
Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.	<i>And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.</i>
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.	<i>He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts.</i>
Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles.	<i>He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.</i>
Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.	<i>He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.</i>
Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiæ suæ,	<i>He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel.</i>
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in sæcula.	<i>As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever.</i>
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;</i>
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.</i>

Words Luke 1.46–55 • Music Orlande de Lassus (Magnificat primi toni)

Second Lesson

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

Here ends the second lesson.

Matthew 28.16–end

Nunc Dimittis

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum
quod parasti ante faciem omnium
populorum:

Lumen ad revelationem gentium,
et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*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 Josquin des Prez (1450–1521)

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.

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; 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

Anthem

O Rex gloriae, Domine virtutum,
qui triumphator hodie super omnes coelos ascendisti;
ne derelinquas nos orphanos,
sed mitte promissum Patris in nos,
spiritum veritatis. Alleluia.

*O King of glory, Lord of all power,
Who ascended to heaven on this day triumphant over all;
Do not leave us as orphans,
But send us the Father's promise,
The spirit of truth. Alleluia.*

Words Proper for the Feast of the Ascension ♦ Music Luca Marenzio (1556–99)

Sermon

The Rt Revd Dr Jonathan Frost, Dean

The Blessing

Voluntary

Praeludium in G minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

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