



**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**ON THE EIGHTEENTH**

**SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**EVE OF ST FRANCIS**

**SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER 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.

## Introit

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:  
et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Words Psalm 145. 15  
Music Richard Lloyd (*b.* 1933)

## 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 Francis Jackson (b. 1917)*

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

## Psalm

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion ♦ and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer ♦ unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me ♦ O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee ♦ he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation ♦ thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains ♦ and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea ♦ and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens ♦ thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it ♦ thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water ♦ thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof ♦ thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness ♦ and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness ♦ and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep ♦ the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

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 65

## First Lesson

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

‘With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the First Lesson.

MICAH 6.6–8

## 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* SERVICE IN G, Francis Jackson

## Second Lesson

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

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

GALATIANS 6.14–18

## 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* SERVICE IN G, Francis Jackson

## 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.

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 God, who ever delightest to reveal thyself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified; who livest and reignest with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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* Francis Jackson

## Anthem

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Waters that be above the Firmament, bless ye the Lord:  
O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Sun and Moon, O ye Stars of Heaven,  
O ye Showers and Dew, O ye Winds of God,  
O ye Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Winter and Summer, O ye Dews and Frosts,  
O ye Frost and Cold, O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Nights and Days, O ye Light and Darkness  
O ye Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord:  
O let the Earth bless the Lord:  
yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
O ye Mountains and Hills, O all ye Green Things upon the Earth,  
O ye Wells, O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Whales, and all that move in the Waters,  
O all ye Fowls of the Air, O all ye Beasts and Cattle,  
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord:  
O let Israel bless the Lord: O ye Priests of the Lord,  
O ye Servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:  
O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous,  
O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord:  
O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord:  
praise him, and magnify him for ever.  
Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost;  
Let us praise and exalt him for ever.  
Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven:  
praised above all for ever.

*Words* Book of Common Prayer (1662)  
and the Liturgy of the Episcopal Church in Scotland (1929)  
*Music* Francis Jackson

## Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

## Hymn



All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluya, alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, Alleluya!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,

Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
    O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
    O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:  
    O praise him, O praise him,  
    Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

*Words* St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226) translated by William Draper (1855–1933)  
*Tune* LASST UNS ERFREUEN, NEH 263, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

## The Blessing

### Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541

J S Bach