



CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE TWENTIETH

SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

EVE OF ST LUKE

attended by York Medical Society

SUNDAY 17 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.

In particular, we welcome members of York Medical Society. Founded in 1832 the Society is made up of doctors and medical students from the York area meeting regularly for education and social purposes.

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 Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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

Psalm

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous ♦ for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

Praise the Lord with harp ♦ sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto the Lord a new song ♦ sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

For the word of the Lord is true ♦ and all his works are faithful.

He loveth righteousness and judgement ♦ the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ♦ and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap ♦ and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.

Let all the earth fear the Lord ♦ stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

For he spake, and it was done ♦ he commanded and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought ♦ and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.

The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever ♦ and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah ♦ and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men ♦ from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them ♦ and understandeth all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host ♦ neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man ♦ neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him ♦ and upon them that put their trust in his mercy.

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord ♦ for he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him ♦ because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us ♦ like as we do put our trust in thee.

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 33

Please sit.

First Lesson

read by Professor Barry Wright, President, York Medical Society

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

‘Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.’

Here ends the First Lesson.

HOSEA 6.1-3

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* SERVICE IN G, Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)

Please sit.

Second Lesson

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

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

2 TIMOTHY 3.10–end

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* 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

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son 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 Philip Moore

Please sit.

Anthem

The Lord hath created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not abhor them. And he hath given men skill, that he might be honoured in his marvellous works. My son, in thy sickness leave off from sin, and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all wickedness.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come; he will come and save you.

O Saviour of the World, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words from Ecclesiasticus 38 and Isaiah 35

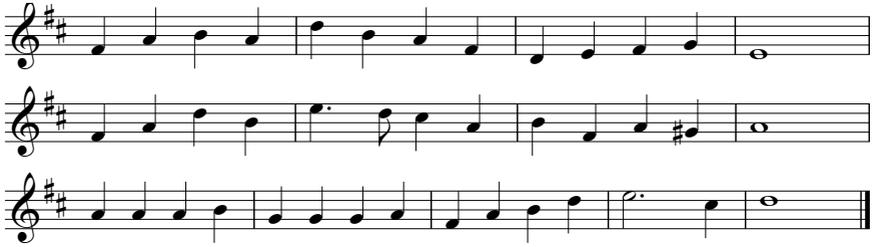
Music William Harris (1883–1973)

Sermon

The Revd Dr Victoria Johnson, Canon Precentor

Please stand.

Hymn



Angel-voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
 and confess thee
 Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
 mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
 songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
 and wilt hear us?
 Yea, we can.

For, we know that thou rejoicest
 o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
 for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
 for thy pleasure
 all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
 of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
 all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
 in our choicest
 psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Words Francis Pott (1832–1909)

Tune ANGEL VOICES, NEH 336 E G Monk (1819–1900)

Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Voluntary

Fanfare

Percy Whitlock