



CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 27 March 2021
at 5.30pm

Welcome

A warm welcome to York Minster and to this live-streamed service of Choral Evensong. 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 his hosts.
Ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by thy glorious resurrection hast sanctified a day of rest for thy people, grant that we dying unto sin and rising again to newness of life may worthily offer up our prayers and praises to thy honour and glory. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Thou art worthy at all times to be hymned with holy voices,
Son of God, giver of life.
Therefore the world glorifies thee. Amen.

Introit

Out of the deep have I called to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

Words 130.1, 2 ♦ *Music* Thomas Tomkins (1573–1656)

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)

Psalms

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion ♦ then were we like unto them
that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen ♦ The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already ♦ whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord ♦ as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears ♦ shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed ♦ shall
doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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 126

Except the Lord build the house ♦ their labour is but lost that build it.

Except the Lord keep the city ♦ the watchman waketh but in vain.

It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat the
bread of carefulness ♦ for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

Lo, children and the fruit of the womb ♦ are an heritage and gift that cometh of
the Lord.

Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant ♦ even so are the young children.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them ♦ they shall not be ashamed
when they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Glory be . . .

PSALM 127

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord ♦ and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands ♦ O well is thee, and happy shalt
thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine ♦ upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches ♦ round about thy table.

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed ♦ that feareth the Lord.

The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee ♦ that thou shalt see Jerusalem in
prosperity all thy life long.

Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children ♦ and peace upon Israel.
Glory be . . .

PSALM 128

Many a time have they fought against me from my youth up ♦ may Israel now
say.

Yea, many a time have they vexed me from my youth up ♦ but they have not
prevailed against me.

The plowers plowed upon my back ♦ and made long furrows.

But the righteous Lord ♦ hath hewn the snares of the ungodly in pieces.

Let them be confounded and turned backward ♦ as many as have evil will at
Sion.

Let them be even as the grass growing upon the house-tops ♦ which withereth
afore it be plucked up;

Whereof the mower filleth not his hand ♦ neither he that bindeth up the sheaves
his bosom.

So that they who go by say not so much as, The Lord prosper you ♦ we wish you
good luck in the Name of the Lord.

Glory be . . .

PSALM 129

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord ♦ Lord, hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well ♦ the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss ♦ O Lord, who may
abide it?

For there is mercy with thee ♦ therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him ♦ in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord ♦ before the morning watch, I say, before the
morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy ♦ and with him is
plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel ♦ from all his sins.

Glory be . . .

PSALM 130

Lord, I am not high-minded ♦ I have no proud looks.
I do not exercise myself in great matters ♦ which are too high for me.
But I refrain my soul, and keep it low, like as a child that is weaned from his
mother ♦ yea, my soul is even as a weaned child.
O Israel, trust in the Lord ♦ from this time forth for evermore.
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 131

First Lesson

A reading from the book of Job.

‘He has made me a byword of the peoples,
and I am one before whom people spit.
My eye has grown dim from grief,
and all my members are like a shadow.
The upright are appalled at this,
and the innocent stir themselves up against the godless.
Yet the righteous hold to their way,
and they that have clean hands grow stronger and stronger.
But you, come back now, all of you,
and I shall not find a sensible person among you.
My days are past, my plans are broken off,
the desires of my heart.
They make night into day;
“The light”, they say, “is near to the darkness.”
If I look for Sheol as my house,
if I spread my couch in darkness,
if I say to the Pit, “You are my father”,
and to the worm, “My mother”, or “My sister”,
where then is my hope?
Who will see my hope?
Will it go down to the bars of Sheol?
Shall we descend together into the dust?’

Here ends the first lesson.

JOB 17.6–end

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 E, Charles Macpherson (1870–1927)

Second Lesson

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said: ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

Here ends the second lesson.

JOHN 12.27–36

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 E, Charles Macpherson

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Philip Moore

Anthem

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

Words Matthew 21.9, Luke 19.38 ♦ *Music* Thomas Weelkes (c. 1574–1623)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
 lead thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home,
 lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
 shouldst lead me on;
I loved to choose and see my path; but now
 lead thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
 will lead me on
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
 the night is gone,
and with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Words John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

Tune ALBERTA, NEH 392, William Harris (1883–1973)

The Blessing

Voluntary

Aus tiefer Not, schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686

J S Bach