

St John's College Chapel



Choral Evensong

Wednesday 30 April 2014

ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ *Please stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

The INTROIT is sung by the Choir:

HOLY IS THE TRUE LIGHT

Holy is the true light,
and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured
in the heat of the conflict:
From Christ they inherit
a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia.

Words *from the Salisbury Diurnal* by
Tr. G.H. Palmer

Music *William H. Harris*
(1883–1973)

WELCOME

The Minister and the Choir sing the RESPONSES:

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips
Response And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise

Minister O God, make speed to save us
Response O Lord, make haste to help us

Minister Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Response As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen

Minister Praise ye the Lord
Response The Lord's Name be praised.

Music *Richard Shephard*
(b. 1949)

Psalm 148

1. O Praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2. Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
4. Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7. Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9. Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10. Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11. Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13. He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth 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.

Chant *Christopher Robinson*
(*b. 1936*)

Psalm 149

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song : let the congregation of saints praise him.
2. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him : and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
3. Let them praise his Name in the dance : let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
4. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people : and helpeth the meek-hearted.
5. Let the saints be joyful with glory : let them rejoice in their beds.
6. Let the praises of God be in their mouth : and a two-edged sword in their hands;
7. To be avenged of the heathen : and to rebuke the people;

8. To bind their kings in chains : and their nobles with links of iron.
9. That they may be avenged of them, as it is written : Such honour have all his saints.

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.

Chant *Charles Villiers Stanford*
(1852–1924)

Psalm 150

1. O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the firmament of his power.
2. Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3. Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him upon the lute and harp.
4. Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5. Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6. Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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.

Chant *George Talbot*
(1875–1918)

The FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40 vv. 27–end
Read by Paul Merchant

¶*Sit*

Jacob, why do you complain, and you, Israel, why do you say, 'My lot is hidden from the Lord, my cause goes unheeded by my God'? Do you not know, have you not heard? The Lord, the eternal God, creator of earth's farthest bounds, does not weary or grow faint; his understanding cannot be fathomed. He gives vigour to the weary, new strength to the exhausted. Young men may grow weary and faint, even the fittest may stumble and fall; but those who look to the Lord will win new strength, they will soar as on eagles' wings; they will run and not feel faint, march on and not grow weary.

The Choir sings the MAGNIFICAT:

¶*Stand*

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.

Second Service
Kenneth Leighton
(1929–1988)

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Gentiles. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, and the two of them went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied: ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. In very truth I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains that and nothing more; but if it dies; it bears a rich harvest. Whoever loves himself is lost, but he who hates himself in this world will be kept safe for eternal life. If anyone is to serve me, he must follow me; where I am, there will my servant be. Whoever serves me will be honoured by the Father.

The Choir sings the NUNC DIMITTIS:

¶*Stand*

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.

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The Congregation, facing East, joins with the Minister in the CREED.

All **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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Minister and Choir sing the PRECES:

Minister The Lord be with you.

Response And with thy spirit.

¶*Kneel*

Minister Let us pray.

Response 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.

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Response And grant us thy salvation.

Minister O Lord, save the Queen.

Response And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Response And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister O Lord, save thy people.

Response And bless thine inheritance.

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Response Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Response And take not thy holy spirit from us.

Music *Richard Shephard*
(b. 1949)

There follow three Collects sung by the Minister:

The Collect for the Day

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life; Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

The Collect for Peace

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.

The Collect for Help

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.

CHICHESTER PSALMS

I

Urah, hanevel, v'chinor!
A-irah shachar!

*Awake, psaltery and harp:
I will rouse the dawn!*

Words *Psalm 108 v. 2*

Hariu l'Adonai kol haarets.
Iv'du et Adonai b'simcha.
Bo-u l'fanav bir'ninah.
D'u ki Adonai Hu Elohim.
Hu asanu, v'lo anachnu.
Amo v'tson mar'ito.
Bo-u sh'arav b'todah,
Chatserotav bit'hilah,
Hodu lo, bar'chu sh'mo.
Ki tov Adonai, l'olam chasdo,
V'ad dor vador emunato.

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord, He is God.
It is He that has made us, and not we ourselves.
We are his people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endureth to all generations.*

Words *Psalm 100*

II

Adonai ro'i, lo echsar.
Bin'ot deshe yarbitseini,
Al mei m'nuchot y'nahaleini
Nafshi y'shovev,
Yancheini b'ma'aglei tsedek,
Lma'an sh'mo
Gam ki eileich
B'gei tsalmavet,
Lo ira ra,
Ki atah immadi.
Shivt'cha umish'antecha
Hemah y'nachamuni.

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside still waters,
He restoreth my soul,
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness,
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk
Through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For Thou art with me.
Thy rod and Thy staff
They comfort me.*

Words *Psalm 23 vv. 1-4*

Lamah rag'shu goyim
Ul'umin yeh'gu rik?
Yityats'vu malchei erets,
V'roznim nos'du yahad

*Why do the nations rage,
And the peoples imagine a vain thing?
The kings of the earth take their stand,
And the rulers take counsel together*

Al Adonai v'al m'shicho.
N'nat'qah et mos'roteimo,
V'nashlichah mimenu avoteimo.
Yoshev bashamayim
Yishak, Adonai
Yil'ag lamo!

*Against the Lord and against His anointed.
Saying, let us break their bonds asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
He that sitteth in the heavens
Shall laugh, and the Lord
Shall have them in derision!*

Words *Psalm 2 v. 1-4*

Ta'aroch l'fanai shulchan
Neged tsor'rai
Dishanta vashemen roshi
Cosi r'vayah.
Ach tov vachesesd
Yird'funi kol y'mei chayai,
V'shav'ti b'veit Adonai
L'orech yamim.

*Thou preparest a table before me
In the presence of mine enemies,
Thou anointest my head with oil,
My cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.*

Words *Psalm 23 v. 5-6*

III

Adonai, Adonai,
Lo gavah libi,
V'lo ramu einai,
V'lo hilachti
Big'dolot uv'niflaot
Mimenu.
Im lo shiviti
V'domamti,
Naf'shi k'gamul alei imo,
Kagamul alai naf'shi.
Yachel Yis'rael el Adonai
Me'atah v'ad olam.

*Lord, Lord,
My heart is not haughty,
Nor mine eyes proud,
Neither do I exercise myself
In great matters or in things
Too wonderful for me.
Surely I have calmed
And quieted myself,
As a child that is weaned of his mother,
My soul is even as a weaned child.
Let Israel hope in the Lord
Henceforth and forever.*

Words *Psalm 131*

Hineh mah tov,
Umah naim,
Shevet achim
Gam yachad.

*Behold how good
And how pleasant it is,
For brethren to dwell
Together in unity.*

Words *Psalm 133 v. 1*

Music *Leonard Bernstein*
(1918-1990)

The COLLEGE PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, the work of this College, which is called by the name of thy beloved disciple; and grant that love of the brethren and all sound learning may ever grow and prosper here, to thy honour and glory, and to the good of thy people, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The GRACE.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN

¶ *Stand*

Twin princes of the courts of heaven,
To you by Christ our Lord was given
With all the apostolic band,
A place of honour at his hand.

No arts of subtle speech were heard
When, preaching Christ, you spoke his word:
Proclaiming faith in him who died,
You led disciples to his side.

In faith you yielded up your breath
To him the victor over death,
And found in him, the risen Lord,
Salvation and a full reward.

To God the Father glory be,
And praise, O Jesu Christ, to thee,
Whom with the Spirit we adore,
One Lord, one God, for evermore.

*Words Editors, partly based on the
Latin of J.B. de Santeuil
(1630–1697)*

*Tune MELCOMBE
Samuel Webbe the elder
(1740–1816)*

¶ *Please sit quietly as the Voluntary begins*

VOLUNTARY

Laudes *

*Francis Potts
(b. 1957)*

¶ *Stand as the Choir and Clergy depart*

** This work is receiving its first performance.*

It was commissioned by the Master and Fellows, with support from the Herbert Howells Organ Music Fund

THE CHOIR OF ST JOHN'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

The Director of Music, Andrew Nethsingha,
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CHORISTER VOICE TRIALS

Voice trials will be held for boys
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and Saturday 24 January 2015

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