

Sunday Worship  
from  
St John's College, Cambridge



What kind of Victory?

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With thanks,  
Katharine Longworth  
Producer, *BBC Religion & Ethics*

*The Service starts with the Choir singing the Anthem:*

## BUT THANKS BE TO GOD

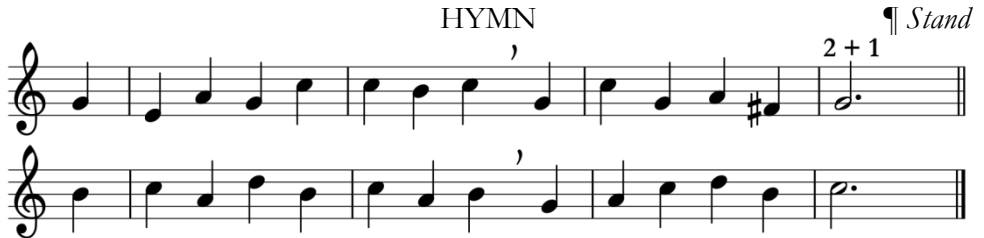
But thanks be to God,  
who giveth us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Words *1 Corinthians 15 v. 57*

Music *George Frideric Handel*  
(1685–1759)

## WELCOME

### HYMN



O God, our help in ages past, /  
Our hope for years to come, /  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, /  
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne /  
Thy saints have dwelt secure; /  
Sufficient is thine arm alone, /  
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, /  
Or earth received her frame, /  
From everlasting thou art God, /  
To endless years the same.

Words *Isaac Watts*  
(1674–1748)

Tune *ST ANNE*  
*Ascribed to William Croft*  
(1678–1727)

We pray for all ...

... that serves the common good of all.

We pray that you kingdom will come and your will be done.

*All* **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, to Almighty God:

*All* **Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Officiant* May the Father of all mercies  
cleans us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**PSALM 85**

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land : thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup> Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people : and covered all their sins.
- <sup>3</sup> Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure : and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.
- <sup>4</sup> Turn us then, O God our Saviour : and let thine anger cease from us.
- <sup>5</sup> Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever : and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?
- <sup>6</sup> Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us : that thy people may rejoice in thee?
- <sup>7</sup> Shew us thy mercy, O Lord : and grant us thy salvation.
- <sup>8</sup> I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.
- <sup>9</sup> For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : that glory may dwell in our land.
- <sup>10</sup> Mercy and truth are met together : righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- <sup>11</sup> Truth shall flourish out of the earth : and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
- <sup>12</sup> Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : and our land shall give her increase.
- <sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before him : and he shall direct his going in the way.

*Chant Alan Hemmings  
(b.1934)*

*The Chaplain introduces the reading*

Our first reading from Micah Chapter 4 captures the idea, of a new radical liberation from oppression, for the peoples ‘shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks’.

## **Reading**

*Read by Ryan Rodrigues*

In days to come the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

*Micah 4 v. 1–4*

*The Chaplain introduces the reading.*

In our second reading today is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 15 beginning at verse 50, in which he says that Jesus has concord sin and death, therefore death has lost it's sting and through Christ we have the Victory.

## **Reading**

*Read by Candace Graham*

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’ ‘Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?’

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

*1 Corinthians 15 vv. 50–58*

*The Chaplain continues:*

In 2004 the British Museum commissioned ... down the centuries has inspired Christians to hold onto that hope whether enduring the sacrifices of World War II or working for a better world today.

*The Choir sings the Anthem.*

## **FOR THE FALLEN**

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

Words *Laurence Binyon*  
(1869–1943)

Music *Douglas Guest*  
(1916–1996)

ADDRESS

Major General Timothy Cross

ANTHEM

**MY SOUL, THERE IS A COUNTRY**

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry  
All skilful in the wars.

There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet peace sits crowned with smiles  
And one born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend,  
And (O my soul awake!)  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flower of peace,  
The rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,  
For none can thee secure  
But one who never changes,  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

Words *Henry Vaughan*  
(1622–1695)

Music *Charles Hubert H. Parry*  
(1848–1918)



*Led by Paul Merchant*

Let us pray.

*At the conclusion of each prayer:*

*All* Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

And so let us draw our prayers together in the words  
which our Lord himself taught us:

*All* **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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Chaplain concludes the service by introducing the hymn and the Blessing*

We ask God to renew in us the hope that the day of the Lord will bring an end to death forever and that those who have laid down their lives will be raised in glory together with us, who remember them. During this Eastertide we give thanks that Christ has conquered Death and herein lies the Victory.

## HYMN

¶ *Stand*

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The music is in a treble clef. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line. The third staff contains the third line, with a 'Refrain' marking above the first measure. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and dynamic markings.

Thine be the glory, / risen, conqu'ring Son, /  
 Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won; /  
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, /  
 Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay. /

*Thine be the glory, / risen conqu'ring Son, /  
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, / risen from the tomb; /  
 Lovingly He greets us, / scatters fear and gloom; /  
 Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, /  
 For her Lord now liveth; / death hath lost its sting. /

*Thine be the glory, / risen conqu'ring Son, /  
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, / glorious Prince of life; /  
 Life is nought without thee: / aid us in our strife. /  
 Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love; /  
 Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, / risen conqu'ring Son, /  
 Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Words *Edmond Budry*  
 (1854–1932)  
 Tr. *Richard Hoyle*  
 (1875–1939)

Tune *MACCABAEUS*  
*George Frideric Handel*  
 (1685–1759)

## BLESSING

...and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be upon you this day and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

¶ *Sit*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in E flat Major (BWV 552i)

Music *Johann Sebastian Bach*  
(1685–1750)

¶ *Please stand as the Choir and Clergy recess*

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