

St John's College Chapel



Choral Evensong

Wednesday 2 May 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

¶*Stand for the entry of the Choir and Clergy*

Please stand for the INTROIT sung by the Choir:

MY BELOVED SPAKE

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise, rise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;

The flowers appear upon the earth;
And the time of the singing of birds is come.
Rise, Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
This is my beloved and this is my friend.

Words Song of Solomon 2 vv. 10–12, 16

*Music Julian Anderson
(b. 1967)*

WELCOME

The Cantor and the Choir sing the RESPONSES:

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Response And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Response O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor 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.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord

Response The Lord's Name be praised.

*Music Kenneth Leighton
(1929–1988)*

Psalm 12

1. Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left : for the faithful are minished from among the children of men,
2. They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour : they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
3. The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips : and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
4. Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail : we are they that ought to speak , who is lord over us?
5. Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy : and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
6. I will up, saith the Lord : and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.
7. The words of the Lord are pure words : even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.
8. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord : thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.
9. The ungodly walk on every side : when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.

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 John Goss
(1800–1880)*

Psalm 13

1. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever : how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2. How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart : how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?
3. Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God : lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.
4. Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him : for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.
5. But my trust is in thy mercy : and my heart is joyful in thy salvation.

6. I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me : yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

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 Henry Hylton Stewart*
(1849–1922)

Psalm 14

1. The fool hath said in his heart : There is no God.
2. They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings : there is none that doeth good, no not one.
3. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men : to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable : there is none that doeth good, no not one.
5. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived : the poison of asps is under their lips.
6. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness : their feet are swift to shed blood.
7. Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they not known ; there is no fear of God before their eyes.
8. Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief : eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
9. There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was : for God is in the generation of the righteous.
10. As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor : because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
11. Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion? When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people : then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

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)

Read by Manal Patel

But since your days in Egypt I have been the Lord your God; you do not know any god but me, any saviour other than me. I cared for you in the wilderness, in a land of burning heat. They were fed and satisfied, and, once satisfied, they grew proud, and so they deserted me. Now I shall be like a panther to them, I shall prowl like a leopard by the wayside; I shall come on them like a she-bear robbed of her cubs and tear their ribs apart, like a lioness I shall devour them on the spot, like a wild beast I shall rip them up.

I have destroyed you, Israel; who is there to help you? Where now is your king that he may save you, in all your cities where are your rulers? ‘Give me a king and princes,’ you said. I gave you a king in my anger, and in my wrath I took him away.

Ephraim’s guilt is tied up in a scroll, his sins are kept on record. When the pangs of his birth came over his mother, he showed himself a senseless child; for at the proper time he could not present himself at the mouth of the womb. Shall I deliver him from the grave? Shall I redeem him from death?

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.

The SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15 vv. 50–end
Read by Samuel Moore

¶*Sit*

What I mean, my friends, is this: flesh and blood can never possess the kingdom of God, the perishable cannot possess the imperishable. Listen! I will unfold a mystery: we shall not all die, but we shall all be changed in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet-call. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will rise imperishable, and we shall be changed. This perishable body must be clothed with the imperishable, and what is mortal with immortality. And when this perishable body has been clothed with the imperishable and our mortality has been clothed with immortality, then the saying of scripture will come true: 'Death is swallowed up; victory is won!' 'O Death, where is your victory? O Death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and sin gains its power from the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear friends, stand firm and immovable, and work for the Lord always, work without limit, since you know that in the Lord your labour cannot be lost.

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.

Gloucester Service
Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

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 Cantor and Choir sing the PRECES:

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Response And with thy spirit.

¶*Kneel*

Cantor 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Response And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the Queen.
Response And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Response And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Response And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Response Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Response And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

There follow three Collects sung by the Cantor:

The Collect of the Day

O almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through 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 Aid against all Perils.

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.

The Choir sings the ANTHEM:

¶*Sit*

DUM TRANSISSET SABBATUM

Dum transisset Sabbatum,
Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et Salome
emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Jesum.
Alleluia.

*When the Sabbath was past,
Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome
bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint Jesus.
Alleluia.*

Words *Mark 16 v. 1*

Music *John Taverner*
(1490–1545)

PRAYERS *are said by the Minister.*

¶*Kneel*

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.**

¶*Please sit quietly during the Voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Final (Symphonic VI)

Charles-Marie Widor
(1844–1937)

¶*Please stand as the Choir and Clergy depart*