

SELWYN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE



FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
5 November 2023 at 6pm

Please stand at the entry of the procession.

¶ INTROIT – Holy is the true light

words: from the Salisbury Diurnal by G. H. Palmer (1846-1926)

music: Sir William H. Harris (1883-1973)

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!

¶ SENTENCE FROM SCRIPTURE

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about
with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which doth so easily beset us,
and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

Hebrews 12: 1-2

¶ INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Please sit or kneel, as you are able.

¶ GENERAL CONFESSION

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,

All We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

¶ ABSOLUTION

Officiant May the Almighty and merciful Lord,
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

¶ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant Our Father

All **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.**

Please stand.

¶ THE PRECES *(sung by the Officiant and choir)*

music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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.

¶ PSALM 91: 1-11 – *Qui habitat*

TONE VIII.1



- Cantor* 1 WHOSO dwelleth under the defence of the most High (---):
shall abide under the shadow of the Al-migh-ty.
- Full* 2 I will say unto the Lord Thou art my hope and my strong hold :
my God in him will I trust.
- Cantor* 3 For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunt-er :
and from the noi-some pes-ti[^]lence.
- Full* 4 He shall defend thee under his wings, *
and thou shalt be safe under his fea-thers :
his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buck-ler.
- Cantor* 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night (---):
nor for the arrow that fli-eth by day;
- Full* 6 For the pestilence that walketh in dark-ness :
nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.
- Cantor* 7 A thousand shall fall beside thee and ten thousand at thy right hand (---):
but it shall not come nigh thee.
- Full* 8 Yea with thine eyes shalt thou be-hold (---):
and see the reward of the un-god-ly.
- Cantor* 9 For thou Lord art my hope (---):
thou hast set thine house of de-fence ve-ry high.
- Full* 10 There shall no evil happen unto thee (---):
neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwel-ling.
- Cantor* 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee (---):
to keep thee in all thy[^]ways.
- Full* Glory be to the Father and to the Son (---):
and to the Ho-ly[^]Ghost.
- Cantor* As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :
world with-out end. A-men.

Please sit.

¶ OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – *Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

Please stand.

¶ OFFICE HYMN – Ye holy angels bright (NEH 475)



1 Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessèd souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good and ill,
Who ever lives.

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above,
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love;
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

music: DARWALL'S 148th – John Darwall (1855-1935)

Please remain standing.

¶ MAGNIFICAT (*sung by the choir, during which the altar will be censed*)

music: Service in F – Harold Darke (1888-1976)

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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.

Luke 1: 46-55

Please sit.

¶ NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Colossians 1: 13-20

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Please stand.

¶ NUNC DIMITTIS (*sung by the choir*)

music: Service in F – Harold Darke (1888-1976)

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.

Luke 2: 29-32

Please remain standing and turn to face East (towards the altar).

¶ APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant I believe in God:
All 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.

Please turn to face centre.

¶ **LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES** – music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

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.

The choir sings the Lord's Prayer:

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

O Lord, save the King :
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.

(1) The Collect for the Day

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

¶ ANTHEM – Antiphon: Praised be the God of love

words: George Herbert (1593-1633) from *The Temple* (1633)

music: Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Praised be the God of love,

Men. Here below,

Angels. And here above:

Who hath dealt his mercies so,

Angels. To his friend,

Men. And to his foe;

That both grace and glorie tend

Angels. Us of old,

Men. And us in th'end.

The great shepherd of the fold

Angels. Us did make,

Men. For us was sold.

He our foes in pieces brake;

Angels. Him we touch;

Men. And him we take.

Wherefore since that he is such,

Angels. We adore,

Men. And we do crouch.

Lord, thy praises should be more.

Men. We have none,

Angels. And we no store.

Praised be the God alone,

Who hath made of two folds one.

¶ SERMON – 'Of all Angels and Saints'

The Revd Dr Arabella Milbank Robinson, *Dean of Chapel and Chaplain*

Please sit or kneel.

¶ PRAYERS

These responses may be used:

Lord, in thy mercy: **Hear our prayer.**
Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

At the end, we say the Grace together:

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Please stand.

¶ HYMN – O praise ye the Lord (NEH 427)

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| <p>1 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom ye were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.</p> | <p>2 O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you
To sing of his love.</p> |
| <p>3 O praise ye the Lord,
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And, sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.</p> | <p>4 O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen, Amen.</p> |

words: H. W. Baker (1821-1877)
music: LAUDATE DOMINUM – C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

¶ BLESSING

Minister May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Please remain standing.

¶ TE DEUM LAUDAMUS *(sung by the choir)*

words: Book of Common Prayer

music: Te Deum 'Collegium Regale' – Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

We praise thee, O God;
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee,
the Father everlasting.
To thee all angels cry aloud,
the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee cherubin and seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee:

the Father of an infinite majesty;
thine honourable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy name,
ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord,
to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,
as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
let me never be confounded.

¶ ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de Soissons
– Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Please remain standing as the procession departs.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed:
<https://youtu.be/XWdpEjN6TjI>

Cover image: Icon of the Synaxis (gathering) of All Saints of the British Isles

¶ SERVICES THIS WEEK

Mon 6 November	8.30am	Morning Prayer <i>followed by coffee</i>
Tues 7 November	8.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Choral Evensong <i>with visiting choir from Tunbridge Wells Grammar School</i> Microsermon: Stefan Wilkinson-Hill
Weds 8 November	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Thurs 9 November	8.30am 1.10pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Organ recital series: Alex Trigg (Organ Scholar, St John's College) Choral Evensong
Fri 10 November	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 12 November	<u>10.15am</u> 11.00am 6.00pm	College Communion 2 minutes' silence in Old Court Service of Music and Readings for Remembrance <i>with presentation of the Selwyn Bellringers Peal Book</i>

**Morning Prayer in Upper Chapel (access through the vestry door by the altar) begins with 15 minutes of silence for contemplation or spiritual reading, followed at 8.45 by a brief Common Worship office of psalms, canticles and one reading. Usually ends by 9am.*

Our **collection** this term will be going to support the Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm. This organically-certified local farm is also a social enterprise employing Co-workers who are people with additional needs. Visit their Farm Shop on the road between Reach and Swaffham Prior and in Ely at the Lighthouse Centre.

