



SELWYN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE
THE ORDER FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 11 May 2024 at 6:00pm

marking 25 years since Sarah MacDonald's appointment as Director of Music [in Chapel]

Please stand when the choir stands.

INTROIT – Spem in alium (à40) *Thomas Tallis*

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| Spem in alium nunquam habui | <i>I have never put my hope in any other</i> |
| Praeter in te, Deus Israel | <i>but in thee, God of Israel</i> |
| Qui irascaris et propitius eris | <i>who shows both wrath and graciousness,</i> |
| et omnia peccata hominum | <i>and who absolves all the sins</i> |
| in tribulatione dimittis | <i>of man in suffering</i> |
| Domine Deus, creator caeli et terrae | <i>Lord God, maker of heaven and earth</i> |
| respice humilitatem nostrum. | <i>Regard our humility.</i> |

OPENING SENTENCE

I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the House of the Lord
(Ps 122.1)

PRECES – *Sarah MacDonald* Set 3

Please remain standing.

PSALM 84 (chant by *C. H. H. Parry*)

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
 even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:
 and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength:
 and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:
 than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace and worship,
 and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.
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.

Please sit.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Deuteronomy 30: 1-5, 11-20

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT – St Paul's Service *Herbert Howells* (1892-1983)

Please sit.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – 1 John 2: 7-17

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS – St Paul's Service *Herbert Howells* (1892-1983)

Please remain standing and face East.

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

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES *Sarah MacDonald*

Please sit after the words "Let us pray".

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

ANTHEM – Upon your heart

music: Eleanor Daley b.1955

words: Song of Solomon 8: 6-7, John 15: 9-12

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm;
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love.

Love one another as I have loved you, then shall your joy be complete.

Set me as a seal...

Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS

Words from our first reading: 'Even if you are exiled to the ends of the world, from there the LORD your God will gather you, and from there he will bring you back'

We give thanks for all those gathered here today, united by their love of music and their place in the unbroken story of prayer and praise in this Chapel.

We pray for them, and their families and friends.

May all who hear in these strains the rumour of angelic song be led ever more deeply into lives of love and service, daily perfecting their part in the heavenly harmony. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Words from our second reading: 'I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining'

We give thanks for your light, O Lord, that has shone in your servant Sarah through all her life and calling until now. In this, her 25th year here, we rejoice in the growth granted under her to the life of this choir and of music in Selwyn Chapel and for Newnham Choral Scholars, and pray for many more years of glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

And in this season where we pray in the wider Church for the coming of the Holy Spirit, we ask that this Spirit may fall upon all that in this world is struggling to be born into peace, into hope, and into love.

In a moment's silence we bring to mind all those people, causes, nations and groanings of this earth in need of our prayer.

A collect from the Canadian Book of Common Prayer

God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquillity the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Please stand.

HYMN – Sing, my soul his wondrous love
words: Anonymous (c1800)

music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

NELSON (7777)



1
Sing, my soul, His wondrous love,
Who from yon bright world above,
Ever watchful o'er our race,
Still extends to us his grace;
Still extends to us his grace.

3
God, the merciful and good,
Bought us with the Saviour's blood;
And to make salvation sure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure,
Guides us by his Spirit pure.

2
Heav'n and earth by him were made;
All is by his sceptre swayed,
What are we that he should show
So much love to us below,
So much love to us below?

4
Sing, my soul, adore his Name!
Let his glory be my theme;
Praise him till he calls thee home;
Trust his love for all to come,
Trust his love for all to come.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL – *Bernard Naylor (Festal)*

VOLUNTARY Toccata from Symphonie V – C. M. Widor (1844-1937)
played by Adam Field FRCO (Percy Young Senior Organ Scholar)

Drinks and supper for those signed in will be held in the gardens (Harrison Room if wet) and Dining Hall respectively. Thank you for being with us today!