Selwyn College, Cambridge



Choral Evensong with Commemoration of Benefactors

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CHORAL EVENSONG

At the entry of the procession, please stand.

Introit

My soul, there is a country

words: Henry Vaughan (1621-1695) music: C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

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

Sentence

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:3

Preces

(sung by the choir and clergy)

music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

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.

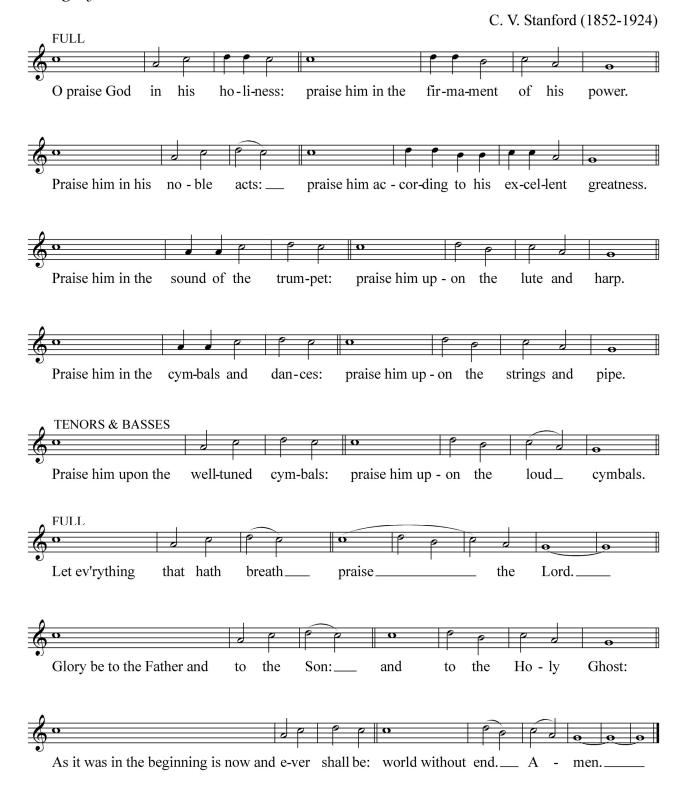
Praise ye the Lord:

The Lord's name be praised.

Welcome

Psalm 150

(sung by all)



Please sit.

Old Testament Lesson

Wisdom 1: 1-8, 12-15

Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness.

For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues. Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said, therefore those who utter unrighteous things will not escape notice, and justice, when it punishes, will not pass them by.

Do not invite death by the error of your life, or bring on destruction by the works of your hands; because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

Magnificat

(sung by the choir)

words: Luke 1:46-55

music: Service in A flat – Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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.

Please sit.

New Testament Lesson

Corinthians 16: 13-24

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Now, brothers and sisters, you know that members of the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to put yourselves at the service of such people, and of everyone who works and toils with them. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. So give recognition to such people.

The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, greet you warmly in the Lord. All the brothers and sisters send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Let anyone be accursed who has no love for the Lord. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus.

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

(sung by the choir)

words: Luke 2: 29-32

music: Service in A flat – Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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.

Please turn and face East.

Apostles' Creed

Dean 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.

Responses

(sung by the choir)

music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

The Lord be with you: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

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.

Collects

- (1) O Lord God Almighty, Maker of all things and Giver of all good gifts, who art always to be praised both in the living and in the dead; We give thee thanks for all our Founders and Benefactors, by whose bounty we are here nurtured in true religion and learning; beseeching thee to grant that we, using these gifts to thy glory, may with them attain to the eternal glory of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.
- (2) O GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our King, that under him this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that he being devoted to thee with his whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

Please sit.

Anthem

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words: C. H. Sorley (1895-1915)

music: Charles Wood (1866-1926; SE 1888)

This sanctuary of my soul
Unwitting I keep white and whole,
Unlatch'd and lit if Thou shoulds't care
To enter or to tarry there.
With parted lips and outstretch'd hands
And list'ning ears Thy servant stands.
Call Thou early, call Thou late,
To Thy great service dedicate
My soul, keep white and whole.

Please remain seated as the College's Founders and Benefactors are remembered before God

The Commemoration of Benefactors

Let us commemorate all our Founders and Benefactors, by whose energy and liberality this our College has been founded, who in various ways strengthened and endowed the advancement of Religion and sound learning, and the perpetuation of the name and labours of GEORGE AUGUSTUS SELWYN.

Her Majesty Queen VICTORIA gave us our Charter. CHARLES ABRAHAM first proposed that the College be founded, and did more than anyone else to see that it was brought into being.

Three friends of Bishop Selwyn gave their aid to Bishop Abraham: EDMUND HOBHOUSE, SIR WILLIAM MARTIN, and FREDERICK THATCHER.

Three resident members of the University gave help: JOSEPH LIGHTFOOT, BROOKE FOSS WESTCOTT and VINCENT STANTON. Our first Master ARTHUR LYTTELTON and his wife KATHLEEN guided the young college so that it soon became established.

We owe much that we value to members of the Selwyn family, notably: SARAH, widow of George Augustus, and WILLIAM, elder son of George Augustus, who, with his wife, HARRIET, presented the screen in the Hall.

JOHN RICHARDSON SELWYN, younger son of George Augustus worked to see that this Chapel was built and his widow, ANNIE, gave us the Old Senior Combination Room.

EDWARD WHEATELY-BALME built B Staircase and inscribed its doorway to the memory of his friend E J Rose, gave money for this Chapel, and bequeathed his library to the College.

THOMAS ORPEN and AMY, his wife, contributed largely to the building of the chapel and the hall.

ARTHUR BENSON gave our hall the panelling from the old English church at Rotterdam.

JOHN RAWLINSON was involved in the management of the College.

GEORGE CHASE gave generously towards the work of the Chapel; and Bishop Selwyn's own college, St John's, gave their portrait of the Bishop for our hall.

The CRIPPS Foundation made it possible to build and refurbish Cripps Court, contributed generously to the Centenary Appeal, and endowed the College Feast. A contribution to the Centenary Appeal by Trinity College made possible the endowment of the Centenary Research

Fellowship. More recently, the generosity of the ANN D FOUNDATION made possible the completion of Ann's Court.

The Library has been enriched by EDWARD WHEATLEY-BALME, WILLIAM COOKE, WILLIAM COLLINS, MILDRED BLUNT and a long succession of other donors, and more recently ROBIN JEFFS contributed generously to the Bartlam Library.

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The College is also greatly indebted to the late MARGUERITE KEASBEY founder of the Keasbey Memorial Foundation, which funds the Keasbey Fellowship and makes generous annual grants to students.

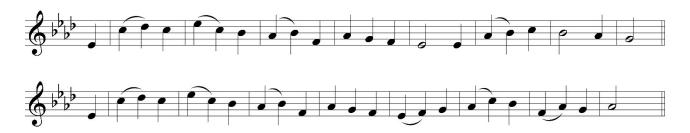
And so, as we also remember with thanksgiving those of all faiths and none who have in the past given generously of their time and money, and whose names are not recorded here; those who presently give to the College in various ways; those many unknown people who have benefited the College by quiet and constant service at home or abroad and those members of the College who have died in the service of their country, we join in gratitude for all that they have done.

Sermon

Preacher: The Rev'd Ben Cahill-Nicholls (SE 2005)

Please stand

Hymn The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (NEH 252)



The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, The darkness falls at thy behest; To thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping, While earth rolls onward into light, Through all the world her watch is keeping, And rests not now by day or night.

As o'er each continent and island The dawn leads on another day, The voice of prayer is never silent, Nor dies the strain of praise away.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,
And hour by hour fresh lips are making
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away; Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever, Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

> words: J. Ellerton (1826-1893) music: C. C. Scholefield (1839-1904) descant by Sarah MacDonald

The College Prayer

O Lord the Resurrection and the Life of them that believe, who didst enrich thy servant GEORGE AUGUSTUS SELWYN with thy manifold gifts of grace, grant that all who serve thee here may be taught by his example to serve in their several callings to the honour of thy Name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. **Amen**.

The Blessing

Dismissal

(sung by the Choir)

music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

The Lord be with you: And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord: Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the clergy and choir leave the Chapel.

Organ Voluntary

Festival Toccata – Percy Fletcher (1879-1932) played by Adam Field, Percy Young Senior Organ Scholar The retiring collection will be given to the Melanesian Mission, to support the work of the church in the Solomon Islands, with which Selwyn College has longstanding connections through the ministries of Bishop George Augustus Selwyn and later Bishop John Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia.

The Grace before dinner this evening was composed by Sarah MacDonald, Director of Music.

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in Chapel at 8:30am tomorrow morning, during which alumni whose deaths have been notified to the College in the past year will be remembered in prayer.

Breakfast will be served in the hall afterwards.

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