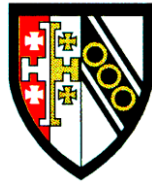


Selwyn College, Cambridge



CHORAL EVENSONG

A SERVICE OF WELCOME FOR FRESHERS

Sunday 3 October 2021
5.30pm

A brief introduction to Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong is a service (or ‘Office’) with its roots in the Christian monastic movement and in the sixteenth century Reformation of the English Church. Today, this service, taken from the seventeenth-century *Book of Common Prayer* is commonly celebrated in parish churches and cathedrals in the English tradition, and in the college chapels of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

College chapels with a choral tradition draw upon a rich inheritance of music, much of it sung by the choir alone. In the Anglican tradition this music finds its natural setting in the Evening Office. For this reason, the service of Choral Evensong offers us a time of reflection – a time when we can allow the beauty of the language and the music to quieten us, that we might hear God speaking to us in the psalms and readings and canticles taken from Scripture.

Within this hallowed space may we forget the ceaseless activity of daily life, and be still.

Evensong is a combination of the medieval Offices of Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Night Prayer). At Evensong:

- We may prepare for worship by confessing our sins to Almighty God and receiving forgiveness in the Absolution
- We pray that God will help us to worship him.
- We sing the Psalms.
- We listen to readings from the Old and New Testaments.
- We hear the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc Dimittis* – two songs, taken from St Luke’s Gospel, which are traditionally associated with Christian prayer in the later part of the day.
- We affirm our Christian faith, in the words of the ancient Baptismal Creed.
- At the end of the service, we may listen to a reflection of the scriptural readings we have heard, we pray for the needs of the Church and the world, and we ask God’s blessing on the week to come.

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Please stand at the entry of the procession.

Introit (sung by the Choir)

By and by

words: traditional African-American

music: traditional, arranged by Michael Tippett (1905-1998)

O by and by, by and by,
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.

I know my robe's gonna fit me well,
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.
I tried it on at the gates of hell.
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load. [Refrain]

O hell is deep and in dark despair,
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load.
So stop, po' sinner and don't go there.
I'm gonna lay down my heavy load. [Refrain]

Sentence from Scripture

The Preces (sung by the Officiant and Choir) [STAND]

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.

Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)

Psalm 27

V.3



- 1 THE LORD is my light and my salva-tion, * whom then shall I fear (---) :
the Lord is the strength of my life, * of whom then shall I be a^fraid?
- 2 When the wicked even mine enemies and my foes came upon me to eat up
my flesh (---) :
they stum-bl'd and fell.
- 3 Though an host of men were laid against me yet shall not my heart be a-
fraid (---) :
and though there rose up war against me yet will I put my trust in^him.
- 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord which I will re-quire (---) :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, *
to behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to vi-sit his tem-ple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his ta-ber^na^cle :
yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, * and set me up
up-on a rock of^stone.
- 6 And now shall he lift up mine head (---) :
above mine enemies round a-bout me.
- 7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great glad-ness :
I will sing and speak praises un-to the Lord.
- 8 Hearken unto my voice O Lord when I cry unto thee (---) :
have mercy upon me and hear me.
- 9 My heart hath talked of thee, * Seek ye my face (---) :
Thy face Lord will I^seek.
- 10 O hide not thou thy face from me (---) :
nor cast thy servant away in dis-pleas-ure.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son (---) :
and to the Ho-ly^Ghost;

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be :
world with-out end A-men.

Old Testament Lesson [SIT]

Proverbs 2:1-11

My child, if you accept my words
and treasure up my commandments within you,
making your ear attentive to wisdom
and inclining your heart to understanding;
if you indeed cry out for insight,
and raise your voice for understanding;
if you seek it like silver,
and search for it as for hidden treasures—
then you will understand the fear of the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
For the LORD gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;
he stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly,
guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his faithful ones.
Then you will understand righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
for wisdom will come into your heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;
prudence will watch over you;
and understanding will guard you.

The Magnificat (sung by the Choir) [REMAIN STANDING]

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.

Luke 1: 46-55

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.

Music: Canticles in Bb, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

New Testament Lesson [SIT]

Matthew 5:1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Nunc Dimittis (sung by the Choir)[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.

Luke 2: 29-32

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.

Music: Canticles in Bb, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Apostles' Creed [FACE EAST]

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.**

Lesser Litany and Responses (sung by the Officiant and Choir)

The Lord be with you :
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray. *[KNEEL]*

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.

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

O Lord, save the Queen :
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.

Music: Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)

The Collects

- (1) LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; 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.

Notices [SIT]

Anthem (sung by the Choir)

Upon your heart

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

music: Eleanor Daley b.1955

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

Sermon

Hugh Shilson-Thomas
Dean of Chapel & Chaplain

Prayers of Intercession [SIT OR KNEEL]

At the conclusion of the Prayers of Intercession, all 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.**

Hymn 368 (NEH) [STAND]

1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-91) tr Peter Williams and others
Music: Cwm Rhonnda, John Hughes (1873-1932)

The Blessing

The Dismissal (sung by the Officiant and Choir)

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

The Lord give us his peace.
And life eternal. Amen.

Music: E W Naylor (1867-1934)

Organ Voluntary

Variations & Fugue on East Acklam - Philip Moore (b.1943)

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Our next chapel services:
Thursday 7 Oct 6.30pm Choral Evensong
Sunday 10 Oct 6.00pm Choral Evensong

Morning prayers are said at 8.30am each weekday,
commencing tomorrow

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.