SELWYN COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

Choral Evensong for the end of the academical year

Sunday 16 June 2024 at 3:30pm (Trinity 3)
Please note, the service is being **livestreamed**. There are a small number of seats where you will not appear on camera. If you would like one of these seats, please ask one of the Chapel Wardens to direct you.

**CHAPEL NOTICES AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday 20 June at 4pm in chapel: SCMS May Week Concert (admission by donation; including Poulenc’s *Organ Concerto*, played by Adam Field)

Sunday 30 June: Bubisa School Kenya fundraising walk from Kingston to Cambridge, ending with brunch at Selwyn (sel.cam.ac.uk/events/camel-walk)

Tuesday 2 July at 7pm: Choir summer concert in Selwyn gardens (free admission; including music by Tallis, Vaughan Williams, and Cecilia McDowall)

Thursday 4 July at 7pm: Choir summer concert at St Bride’s, Fleet Street, London (preceded by drinks which must be booked via alumni website; programme to include music by Elgar and Stanford)

Friday 5 July at 6pm: Choral Evensong at College Living of Longstowe (preceded by choir versus village cricket match; coach departs at 1:30pm)

Monday 8 July at 5:30pm: Choral Evensong at Lichfield Cathedral (preceded by tour of cathedral and the tomb of Bishop Selwyn; coach departs at 10am)

9-15 July: Choir tour to Umbria and Tuscany (concerts and services in Scheggino, Sinalunga, Norcia, and Orvieto)

Please email chapel-administrator@sel.cam.ac.uk to book seats on coaches.

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Please stand at the entry of the procession.

¶ **INTROIT** Bring us, O Lord God (*sung by the Choir*)

words: John Donne (1572-1631)

music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity,
in the habitation of thy glory and dominion,
world without end. Amen.

¶ **OPENING SENTENCE**

God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God,
and God in him.  
*John 4: 16*

¶ **PRECES** (*sung by the officiant and choir*)

music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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.
The congregation is invited to sing alternate verses with the choir.

1 I said I will take heed to *my* ways:
   that I offend *not* in my tongue.

2 I will keep my mouth as it were with a *bri*-dle:
   while the ungodly *is* in my sight.

3 I held my tongue and spake *no*-thing:
   I kept silence yea even from good words; * but it was pain *and* grief to me.

4 My heart was hot within *me* * and while I was thus musing the fire *kin*-dled:
   and at the last I *spake* with my tongue;

5 Lord let me know mine end and the number of *my* days:
   that I may be certified how long *I* have to live.

6 Behold thou hast made my days as it were a span *long*:
   and mine age is even as nothing in respect *of* thee; *
   and verily every man living is alto-*ge*-ther va-*ni*’ty.

7 For man walketh in a vain shadow and disquieteth himself *in* vain:
   he heapeth up riches and cannot tell *who* shall ga-ther’them.

8 And now Lord what is *my* hope:
   truly my hope *is* év’n in thee.

9 Deliver me from all mine of-*fen*-ces:
   and make me not a rebuke un-*to* thé fool-ish.

10 I became dumb and opened not *my* mouth:
    for it *was* thy do-ing.

11 Take thy plague away *from* me:
    I am even consumed by the means of *thy* hēa-vy hand.
12 When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, * thou makest his beauty to consume away like as it were a moth fretting a garment: every man therefore is but vanity.

13 Hear my prayer O Lord and with thine ears consider my calling: hold not thy peace at my tears.

14 For I am a stranger with thee: and a sojourner as all my fathers were.

15 O spare me a little that I may recover my strength: before I go hence and be no more seen.

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. A-men.

Please sit.

¶ OLD TESTAMENT LESSON  Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

Reader A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 10 beginning at the twelfth verse.

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the LORD set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today. Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords,
the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons; and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven. You shall love the LORD your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always.

Reader  Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand.

¶ MAGNIFICAT (sung by the choir)
  words: Luke 1: 46-55
  music: Service in A – C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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  1 Peter 5: 5-11

Reader  A reading from the first letter to Peter, chapter 5, beginning at the fifth verse.

In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader  Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (sung by the choir)

words: Luke 2: 28-32  
music: Service in A – C. V. Stanford (1852-1924)

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 remain standing and turn to face East (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 (sung by the officiant and choir)

music: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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.
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 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.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us;
and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray,
may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted
in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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 (sung by the choir)
words: Psalm 48
music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God,
in the mountain of His holiness.
Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion,
on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.
God hath made Himself known in her palaces for a refuge.
For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together;
they saw, then were they amazed; they were dismay’d,
they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there,
pain as of a woman in travail,
as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.
As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.
We have thought on thy loving kindness, O God,
in the midst of Thy temple: as is thy name, O God,
so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let mount Zion be glad, because of Thy judgements,
let the daughters of Judah rejoice;
walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof,
mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces,
that ye may tell it to the generation following.
For this God is our God for ever and ever;
He will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

PRAYERS
The prayers end with the College Prayer

O LORD, Who art the Resurrection and the Life of them that believe;
Who art ever to be praised, both in the living and the dead;
Who, for the edifying of Thy Church,
didst vouchsafe to enrich Thy servant, GEORGE AUGUSTUS SELWYN,
with Thy manifold gifts of grace; assist us mercifully, O Lord,
in all our endeavours, to commemorate worthily,
the name and labours of our fellow-servant,
by building a House of piety and learning in his memory;
and grant that all they who serve Thee here,
may be taught by his example to serve in their several callings
to the honour of Thy Name, to the edifying of Thy Church,
and to the in-gathering of all to Thy fold;
Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
One God world without end.

All Amen.

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 – SP 280

words: John Mason (1646-1694)
music: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991)

1 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
2 Thy brightness unto them appears,
   whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
   but they behold thy face.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
   with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
   Lord, treasure up my mite.

3 Enlighten with faith’s light my heart,
inflame it with love’s fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
   with that celestial choir.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
   Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
   there alleluias be.

4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
   which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
   to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
   a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
   thy place is everywhere.

¶ BLESSING
The Dean of Chapel blesses us all. At the end, we respond with Amen.

¶ DISMISSAL (sung by the choir)
The Lord be with you: And with thy spirit.
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

¶ VOLUNTARY
Symphonie nr. VI (Mvt 5, Finale) – Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
played by Adam Field FRCO, Percy Young Senior Organ Scholar

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.
All are invited to the chapel garden party in the chapel garden
(Chadwick Room if wet) immediately following this service.