SELWYN COLLEGE CHAPEL, CAMBRIDGE
Vigil Compline on the Eve of the Coronation of King Charles III
Friday 5 May 2023 at 9.30pm
Please note that this service is being livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXB8NZIP8w8

**MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE**

Andante espressivo (III from Sonata in G, Op. 29)
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Please stand as the choir and clergy enter the chapel.

INTROIT  **O taste and see**  
Commissioned for the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.  
words: Psalm 34: 1  
music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:  
Blessed is the man that trusted in Him.

OPENING RESPONSES

DEAN OF CHAPEL  The Lord is our light and salvation:  
ALL  The Lord is the strength of our life.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  As we take our rest,  
and look to the dawning of a new day:  
ALL  we give you thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

DEAN OF CHAPEL  God calls us to live by the Fruit of the Spirit.  
Let us now come to his throne  
asking for forgiveness and peace.

*Please sit or kneel.*

You call us to grow in love, joy and peace,  
but we have caused divisions  
and forgotten your gift of love to us.  
Lord, have mercy.  
ALL  Lord, have mercy.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  You call us to grow in patience, kindness and generosity,  
but our intolerance and selfishness betrays you.  
Christ, have mercy.  
ALL  Christ, have mercy.
DEAN OF CHAPEL  You call us to grow in faithfulness, 
gentleness and self-control, but we have 
turned away from you and embraced temptation. 
Lord, have mercy. 

ALL  Lord, have mercy. 

DEAN OF CHAPEL  Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ 
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, 
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God’s truth, 
strengthen us to do God’s will, 
and give us the joy of his kingdom, 
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 

ALL  Amen. 

Please stand.

HYMN  Eternal Father, strong to save  
Arranged by James Vivian for the funeral of the Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. 
words: William Whiting (1825-1878) 
music: J. B. Dykes (1823-1876), arranged by James Vivian (b. 1974) 

CHOIR  Eternal Father, strong to save, 
ONLY  Whose arm does bind the restless wave, 
Who bids the mighty ocean deep 
Its own appointed limits keep; 
O hear us when we cry to Thee 
For those in peril on the sea.
2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
And bid their angry tumult cease,
And give for wild confusion peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

4. O Trinity of love and power,
Your children shield in danger’s hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e’er they go;
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.
O Lord, make thy servant
This anthem dates from 1580, and was likely sung each year on the date of the Accession of the Monarch. The earliest sources include the text ‘Elizabeth, our Queen’, but manuscript sources survive in versions texted to later Monarchs, including James I, James II, Charles I, Charles II, and William of Orange.

words: Psalm 21: 1-4
music: William Byrd (1543-1623)

O Lord, make thy servant Charles our King
to rejoice in thy strength: give him his heart’s desire, and deny not the request of his lips; but prevent [go before] him with thine everlasting blessing, and give him a long life, even for ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSORY  words adapted from Psalm 72

DEAN OF CHAPEL  Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

ALL  In his time shall righteousness flourish, and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  May prayer be made for him continually.

ALL  Give your righteousness to the son of a king.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  May all nations be blessed in him and call him blessed.

ALL  In his time shall righteousness flourish.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  May he live as long as the sun and moon endure.

ALL  Give the king your judgements, O God, and your righteousness to the son of a king.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  In his time shall righteousness flourish,

ALL  and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
CANTICLE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

words: 4thC Latin hymn; tr. Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)
music: ‘Collegium Regale’ by Herbert Howells (1893-1982)

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.
DEAN OF CHAPEL  Almighty God, you reign over all things in wisdom, power, and love. Hear our prayers which we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. For Charles our King, that you may pour upon him abundant gifts to help him fulfil the promises made at his coronation: Lord, in your mercy:

ALL  Hear our prayer.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  That he will have the grace, wisdom, and strength to live a life of service to you and to his people: Lord, in your mercy:

ALL  Hear our prayer.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  That he will seek to uphold the values of love, joy and peace, and always seek to follow you, our heavenly King: Lord, in your mercy:

ALL  Hear our prayer.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  That he may lead with patience, kindness and generosity, governing with humility and with a servant heart: Lord, in your mercy:

ALL  Hear our prayer.

DEAN OF CHAPEL  That in being anointed for service to his God and his people, you may bless him with faithfulness, gentleness and self-control: Lord, in your mercy:

ALL  Hear our prayer.
For Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they may love and support the King as he bears the burden of his office: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For the building up of the Church and for its Supreme Governor, for the building up of all Christian people, and for mutual understanding and fellowship between all people of faith: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For this United Kingdom, for His Majesty’s other Realms and Territories, for the whole Commonwealth of Nations, for their governments and ministers, and for all who are called to public service, that they will seek justice, mercy, and peace: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of all people, for those who care for others and for the environment, and for all in need: Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Look down, O God, from your heavenly throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness, and enlighten our hearts to glimpse your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.
Kneeling before the throne of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray;

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.

May the risen Lord Jesus bless us
with love, joy and peace.
May he watch over us and renew us
as he renews the whole of creation.
May he bless King Charles, both now and always,
in the ways of humility and grace
for his ministry among us.
And may we all, along with him
echo his love in our hearts and lives.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy process out.