



GUILDFORD  
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# CHORAL EVENSONG

attended by the **Cathedral Music Trust**

5.30pm, Tuesday 12 October 2021



# WELCOME TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Cathedral is a place of prayer, reflection, work and celebration, held in particular affection by the many thousands of people who helped build it by buying a brick. The Cathedral is a sacred space and an open community of people who together engage with God and the wider world, for the common good. It is a focus and resource for the whole community: a place of daily choral worship, a space for stillness and prayer, a place of pilgrimage and a venue for concerts, art and education.

## **THE CATHEDRAL MUSIC TRUST**

Cathedral Music Trust is a voice for cathedral music, upholding this integral part of the nation's cultural heritage by campaigning on behalf of cathedral music and musicians, supporting cathedral choirs and choristers in greatest need, and encouraging the pursuit of excellence in choral and organ music. Harry Christophers, CBE, founder and conductor of The Sixteen, is the President, and Alexander Armstrong is the Ambassador.

## **MUSIC**

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir directed by Katherine Dienes-Williams, Organist and Master of the Choristers. The organ is played by Richard Moore, Sub Organist.

*Front cover: A detail from a window in the Chapter House of Guildford Cathedral.*

# THE GATHERING

**Stand**      *The choir and clergy enter.*

## **OPENING VERSICLES AND RESPONSES**

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: William Smith (1603-1645)*

## **WELCOME**

Canon Chris Hollingshurst

**Sit**

*The choir sings the **PSALMODY** appointed for the evening.*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion :

and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer :

unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me :

O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee :

he shall dwell in thy court,

and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house,

even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness,

O God of our salvation :

thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth,

and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains :

and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea :

and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth

shall be afraid at thy tokens :

thou that makest the outgoings of the morning

and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it :

thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water :

thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain

into the little valleys thereof :

thou makest it soft with the drops of rain,

and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness :

and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness :  
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.  
The folds shall be full of sheep :  
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn,  
that they shall laugh and sing.

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.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands :  
sing praises unto the honour of his Name,  
make his praise to be glorious.  
Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :  
through the greatness of thy  
power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.  
For all the world shall worship thee :  
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.  
O come hither, and behold the works of God :  
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men.  
He turned the sea into dry land :  
so that they went through the water on foot;  
there did we rejoice thereof.  
He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :  
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.  
O praise our God, ye people :  
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;  
Who holdeth our soul in life :  
and suffereth not our feet to slip.  
For thou, O God, hast proved us :  
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.  
Thou broughtest us into the snare :  
and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :  
    we went through fire and water,  
    and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.  
I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings :  
    and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips,  
    and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.  
I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :  
    I will offer bullocks and goats.  
O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God :  
    and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.  
I called unto him with my mouth :  
    and gave him praises with my tongue.  
If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart :  
    the Lord will not hear me.  
But God hath heard me :  
    and considered the voice of my prayer.  
Praised be God who hath not cast out my prayer :  
    nor turned his mercy from me.

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.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us :  
    and shew us the light of his countenance,  
    and be merciful unto us;  
That thy way may be known upon earth :  
    thy saving health among all nations.  
Let the people praise thee, O God :  
    yea, let all the people praise thee.  
O let the nations rejoice and be glad :  
    for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,  
    and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God :  
let all the people praise thee.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase :  
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.  
God shall bless us :  
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

**Stand**      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.

*Words: Psalms 65, 66, 67*

*Chants: Philip John Taylor (1892-1988), Edward Cutler (1831-1916),  
Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)*

**Sit**            **FIRST LESSON**            2 Kings 18. 1-12

The first lesson is taken from the second book of Kings, chapter eighteen, beginning to read at the first verse.

In the third year of King Hoshea son of Elah of Israel, Hezekiah son of King Ahaz of Judah began to reign. He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign; he reigned for twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi daughter of Zechariah. He did what was right in the sight of the Lord just as his ancestor David had done. He removed the high places, broke down the pillars, and cut down the sacred pole. He broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it; it was called Nehushtan. He trusted in the Lord the God of Israel; so that there was no one like him among all the kings of Judah after him, or among those who were before him. For he held fast to the Lord; he did not depart from following him but kept the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses. The

Lord was with him; wherever he went, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him. He attacked the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watch-tower to fortified city.

In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of King Hoshea son of Elah of Israel, King Shalmaneser of Assyria came up against Samaria, besieged it, and at the end of three years took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of King Hoshea of Israel, Samaria was taken. The king of Assyria carried the Israelites away to Assyria, settled them in Halah, on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord their God but transgressed his covenant – all that Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded; they neither listened nor obeyed.

Here endeth the first lesson.

**Stand**      *The choir sings the* **MAGNIFICAT.**

My soul doth magnify the Lord :  
    and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded :  
    the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
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.

*Words: Luke 1. 46-55*

*Music: Evening Service in e, Daniel Purcell (c. 1664-1717)*

The second lesson is taken from the first chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, beginning to read at the twelfth verse.

I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Here endeth the second lesson.

**Stand**      *The choir sings the* **NUNC DIMITTIS.**

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.

*Words: Luke 2. 29-32*

*Music: Evening Service in e, Daniel Purcell (c. 1664-1717)*

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

## **THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND PRECES**

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

***Kneel*** Let us pray.

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.

### **THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **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.

## **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.

*Music: William Smith (1603-1645)*

**Sit**

## **ANTHEM**

Through the day thy love has spared us;  
Now we lay us down to rest;  
Through the silent watches guard us,  
Let no foe our peace molest:  
Jesus, thou our guardian be;  
Sweet it is to trust in thee.

Pilgrims here on earth and strangers,  
Dwelling in the midst of foes,  
Us and ours preserve from dangers;  
For thine arms may we repose.  
And when life's sad day is past,  
Rest with thee in heav'n at last.

*Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

*Music: Philip Moore (b.1943)*

## PRAYERS

**Sit or  
Kneel**      *The prayers may include the response*

**All**      Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers end with the Grace.*

**All**      **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.**

**Stand**      **HYMN**

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?

Thy brightness unto them appears,  
while I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears,  
but they behold thy face:  
They sing, because thou art their sun;  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun,  
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire,  
then shall I sing and take my part  
with that celestial choir.  
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.

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.

*Words: John Mason (1646-94)*

*Music: CP 466, Coe Fen, Ken Naylor (1931-91)*

*Descant: Katherine Dienes-Williams (b. 1970),*

*Organist and Master of the Choristers, Guildford Cathedral (2008-)*

## **BLESSING**

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Marche héroïque

*Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)*

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