



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Choral Evensong

with Admission of Choir Members



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8th September 2024

5.30pm

Quire

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Quire

Introit

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 him with thine everlasting blessing,
and give him a long life, even for ever and ever. Amen.

Words: Psalm 21, vv. 2&4 (adapted)

Music: William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

A welcome is offered

*The Cantor and choir sing the **Preces***

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 (c. 1603-45)

Sit as the choir sings

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper :
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Joshua 1.1-10*

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Admission of Choir Members

The Canon in Residence, the Precentor, and those to be admitted leave their stalls as the members of the Foundation stand

The Director of Music says

Mr Canon in Residence, I present to you

James, Goerge, James, Simba, Elijah, Emily, Grace, Anna, and Martha

to be admitted as Choristers of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church, and

Brandon, Thomas, Filip, Connie, Ava, Rosie, and Madeleine

to be made Senior Choristers of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church

The Canon in Residence says to the new Choristers

I admit you as Choristers of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The new Choristers then kneel at the west end of the stalls and the Canon in Residence says the following prayer

May the Lord enable you to use to his glory the gifts that he has given you and may he watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

The Director of Music calls the names of the Senior Choristers and hands the badge of office to the Canon in Residence, who places it over the candidate's head, saying

I admit you as a Senior Chorister of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

He says to them all

May God bless you in all your work and worship done in his name, now and for evermore. Amen.

The Senior Choristers return to their places, and the Choral Scholars step forward

The Director of Music says

Mr Canon in Residence, I present to you,

Michael Alchin, Ellen Griffiths, and Benjamin Ferriby

to be installed as Choral Scholars of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The Canon in Residence says

We who share in the daily offering of worship in this Cathedral Church welcome you. The daily work of prayer and praise is the work of God. Will you each gladly undertake your part in this as a member of the Cathedral Foundation?

The Choral Scholars say

We will.

The Choral Scholars take their seats in the stalls and the Canon in Residence says

Michael, Ellen, and Benjamin, I admit you as Choral Scholars of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The Choral Scholars kneel in their places and the Canon in Residence says

May the Lord enable you to use to his glory the gifts that he has given you, and may he watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

The Organ Scholar steps forward and the Director of Music says

Mr Canon in Residence, I present to you,

Ivan Leung

to be installed as Organ Scholar of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The Canon in Residence says

We who share in the daily offering of worship in this Cathedral Church welcome you. The daily work of prayer and praise is the work of God. Will you gladly undertake your part in this as a member of the Cathedral Foundation?

The Organ Scholar says

I will.

The Organ Scholar takes his seat in the stalls and the Canon in Residence says

Ivan, I admit you as Organ Scholar of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The Organ Scholar kneels in his place and the Canon in Residence says

May the Lord enable you to use to his glory the gifts that he has given you, and may he watch over your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore. Amen.

The Organ Scholar returns to the organ loft and the Lay Clerks to be welcomed step forward

The Director of Music says

Mr Canon in Residence, I present to you,

Caroline McCartney and Oliver Jones

to be welcomed as Lay Clerks of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church

The Canon in Residence then says

Caroline and Oliver, I welcome you as Lay Clerks of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

The Lay Clerks return to their stalls

The Canon in Residence invites everyone to say the Foundation Prayer

Eternal God, you have brought us together into a noble company. We pray for one another and for the holy Church of Canterbury; that in this house of our most blessed Saviour, dignity of worship, preaching the faith and holiness of life may for ever abound and thence be spread through all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Director of Music and Precentor bow to the Canon in Residence

Stand as the choir sings

Magnificat

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.

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

Sit

New Testament Reading

Romans 13.1-11

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Stand as the choir sings

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.

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

Turn East and say together the

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 Cantor and choir sing the **Versicles and Responses**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Sit or kneel

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

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

O Lord, save the King.
Who putteth his trust in thee.

Send him help from thy holy place.
And evermore mightily defend him.

Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;
From the face of his enemies.

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 Lord, hear our prayer;
And let our cry come unto thee.

Music: William Smith (c. 1603-45)

The Collects

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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.*

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.*

Sit as the choir sings

Anthem

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,
who walk in the law of the Lord.*

Words: Psalm 119.1

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Sit or Kneel

Prayers *concluding with*

**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 to sing

Hymn *during which a collection is received*



Praise the Lord for faithful service,
offered through each passing year;
hear our prayer, 'May God preserve us'
through the times of joy and fear.
Bless our king, and in God's Kingdom
Give us strength to persevere.

²Praise the Lord for faithful vision,
guide us as we watch and pray,
make us wise in each decision,
all we think and do and say.
Bless our king, and in God's Kingdom
We will play our part each day.

³Praise the Lord for faithful living:
sharing faith in deed and word,
trusting, hoping, still believing
all that we have seen and heard.
Bless our king and all God's kingdom,
as we love and serve the Lord.

Words: Ally Barrett (b. 1975)

Tune: PRAISE MY SOUL

Remain standing for

The Blessing



God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King.

²Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Voluntary