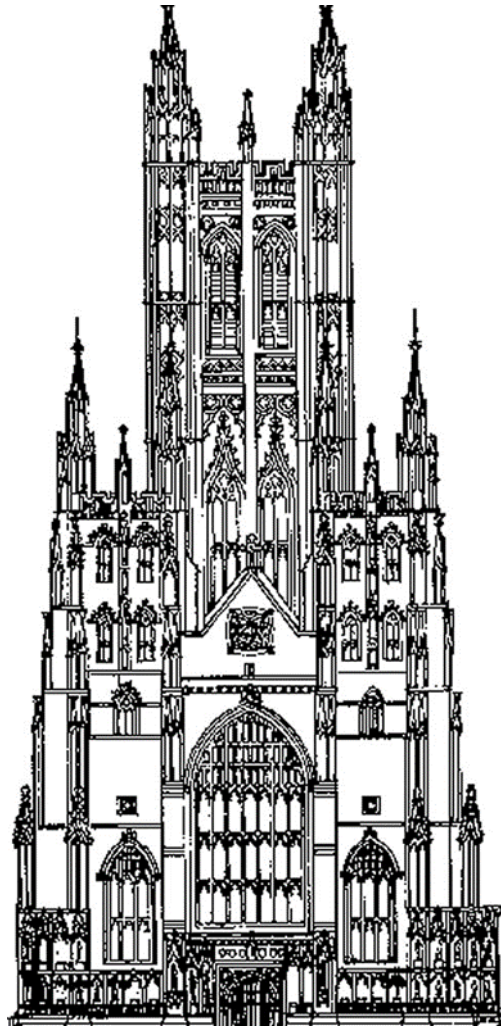




THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Choral Evensong

with the Admission of a Virger



29<sup>th</sup> January 2023

5.30pm

Quire

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Quire*

*Remain standing*

*The Precentor 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: Stephen Foster*

*Sit as the choir sings*

## **Psalm** 34.1-10

I will always give thanks unto the Lord :  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord :  
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me :  
and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me :  
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened:  
and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him :  
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him :  
and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is :  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints :  
for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger :  
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

*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**

*Genesis 28.10-end*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.'

*The congregation remains seated*

*The Dean leaves his stall as the members of the Foundation stand*

*The Precentor* Mr Dean and members of the Cathedral Foundation and congregation, I present to you

**Charlie Maggs**

to be admitted as Virger of  
this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

*The Dean* I admit you as Virger of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church.

We welcome you as Virger and pray that we may assist  
your growth in Christ as you enrich our fellowship  
together.

*The congregation responds*

**We welcome you.**

*The Vesturer hands the Dean a virge, which the Dean then gives to the new Virger, saying:*

Receive this virge, a symbol of your authority. May the Lord watch over you now and always. Amen.

*The Dean continues:*

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love: and give to your servant Charlie, now admitted as a Virger of this Cathedral and Metropolitan Church, the needful gifts of grace, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*All members of the foundation 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.**

*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: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) New College Service*

*Sit*

## New Testament Reading

*Philemon 1-16*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus  
our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of  
your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the  
sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that  
we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from  
your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you,  
my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your  
duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this  
as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you  
for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my  
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both  
to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted  
to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during  
my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your  
consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something  
forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that  
you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave,  
a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh  
and in the Lord.

*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: Herbert Howells (1892-1983) New College Service*

*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 Precentor and choir sing the* **Versicles and Responses**

*The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

*Sit or kneel*

*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.  
*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: Stephen Foster*

## **The Collects**

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; 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.*

*Sit as the choir sings*

## **Anthem**

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,  
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.  
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:  
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,  
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be  
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;  
and when we must from earth departure take, departure take,  
may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

*Words: from Erster Theil der preussischen Fest-Lieder Music: Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)*

*Sit or kneel*

**Prayers**      *led by the Precentor, 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 will be taken*



Hail to the Lord who comes,  
comes to his temple gate,  
not with his angel host,  
not in his kingly state:  
no shouts proclaim him nigh,  
no crowds his coming wait.

<sup>2</sup>But borne upon the throne  
of Mary's gentle breast,  
watched by her duteous love,  
in her fond arms at rest;  
thus to his Father's house  
he comes, the heavenly guest.

<sup>3</sup>There Joseph at her side  
in reverent wonder stands;  
and, filled with holy joy,  
old Simeon in his hands  
takes up the promised child,  
the glory of all lands.

<sup>4</sup>Hail to the great First-born  
whose ransom-price they pay,  
the Son before all worlds,  
the child of man to-day,  
that he might ransom us  
who still in bondage lay.

<sup>5</sup>O Light of all the earth,  
thy children wait for thee:  
come to thy temples here,  
that we, from sin set free,  
before thy Father's face  
may all presented be.

*Words:* John Ellerton (1826-1893)

*Tune:* OLD 120<sup>th</sup>

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## **Blessing**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy depart*

## **Organ Voluntary**

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937), 'Final', Symphony no. 5 in f