



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

Choral Evensong



**HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1**

28th January 2023

5.30pm

Quire

On 27 January 1945, Auschwitz was liberated and the full horrors of the Holocaust were exposed to the world. Each year this day is kept as Holocaust Memorial Day, when we remember the six million Jews and all those who lost their lives in the Nazi persecution, and the victims of other genocides and religious persecutions throughout the world. It is a day to commit ourselves to learning the lessons of the past, and to work for an end to hatred and a better future for all.

The theme for HMD 2023 is Ordinary People. The ordinary people who let genocide happen, the ordinary people who actively perpetrated genocide, and the ordinary people who were persecuted. The theme also prompts us to consider how ordinary people, such as ourselves, can perhaps play a bigger part than we might imagine in challenging prejudice today

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ORDER OF SERVICE

All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Quire

Welcome

The Vice Dean

Introit

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal,
suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Words: Buriel Service, Book of Common Prayer

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-95)

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: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

Sit as the choir sings

Psalm 137

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept :
when we remembered thee, O Sion.

As for our harps, we hanged them up :
upon the trees that are therein.

For they that led us away captive required of us then a song,
and melody in our heaviness :
Sing us one of the songs of Sion.

How shall we sing the Lord's song :
in a strange land?

If I forget thee, O Jerusalem :
let my right hand forget her cunning.

If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth :
yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 24:10-21

Read by Rabbi Cliff Cohen, Rabbi of Thanet & District Reform Synagogue

When you make your neighbour a loan of any kind, you shall not go into the house to take the pledge. You shall wait outside, while the person to whom you are making the loan brings the pledge out to you. If the person is poor, you shall not sleep in the garment given you as the pledge. You shall give the pledge back by sunset, so that your neighbour may sleep in the cloak and bless you; and it will be to your credit before the Lord your God.

You shall not withhold the wages of poor and needy labourers, whether other Israelites or aliens who reside in your land in one of your towns. You shall pay them their wages daily before sunset, because they are poor and their livelihood depends on them; otherwise they might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt.

Parents shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their parents; only for their own crimes may persons be put to death. You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow's garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

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: William Walton (1902-83) Chichester service

Sit

Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-7

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things
new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then
he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and
the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of
life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and
they will be my children.

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.

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Remain standing

Act of Commemoration

The Vice Dean says

As we stand in commemoration, we remember before God all those who lost their lives in the violence of the Holocaust, and all other victims of genocide and racial and religious persecution throughout the world.

A time of silence is kept

The choir sing the Anthem, during which candles of remembrance are lit

Anthem Sicut cervus

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad Te, Deus.	As the deer longs for the water brooks, So longs my soul for you, O God.
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Words: Psalm 42.1

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-94)

Kaddish *said in Aramaic*

The Kaddish is a prayer in praise of God. Following Job's response to the death of his children (Job 1:21) – "God gives, and God has taken away; let God's name be praised" – it has become traditional in Judaism to say Kaddish at a time of mourning, or when remembering those who have died.

Exalted and hallowed be God's great name in the world which God created, according to plan. May God's majesty be revealed in the days of our lifetime and the life of all Israel — speedily, imminently, to which we say: Amen.

Blessed be God's great name to all eternity.

Blessed, praised, honoured, exalted, extolled, glorified, adored, and lauded be the name of the Holy Blessed One, beyond all earthly words and songs of blessing, praise, and comfort. To which we say: Amen.

May there be abundant peace from heaven, and life, for us and all Israel. To which we say: Amen.

May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace us and to all Israel. To which we say: Amen.

Please sit or kneel for

Prayers *led by the Precentor*

During which we use the response

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Ending with

**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.**

Stand

The Peace *led by a representative of the Canterbury Mosque*

As brothers and sisters in one human family,
aware of the sufferings of the past
and hopeful for a better future,
let us stand together to be people of peace in a world of so much need.
السلام عليكم , שלום עליכם , Peace be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

We offer words of peace in our preferred language

We stand to sing

Hymn *during which a collection is taken*



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

²Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

³To all life thou givest. to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but nought changeth thee.

⁴Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Words: W Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Tune: ST DENIO

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Blessing

Remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Voluntary