



THE CATHEDRAL AND METROPOLITICAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, CANTERBURY

# Festal Evensong

To Commemorate the Coronation of  
Their Majesties the King and Queen



7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

5.30pm

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

*All stand as the choir enters*

*Remain standing to sing*



Judge eternal, throned in splendour,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with thy living fire of judgment  
purge this realm of bitter things:  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.

<sup>2</sup>Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release:  
and the city's crowded clangour  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and  
the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.

<sup>3</sup>Crown, O Lord, thine own endeavour;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
cheer the faint and feed the hungry  
with the richness of thy word:  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.

*Words:* Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

*Tune:* RHUDDLAN

AM 580

## **Bidding**

The Dean

We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to hear and receive God's holy word, and to pray for the needs of the world.

We also gather this day to pray for our King, that, both now and always, God may grant him wisdom and grace for his ministry among us.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we, with Charles our King, give ourselves to the service of God and others, that our communities may flourish and be places of trust and friendship.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip Charles our King and all your people with the gifts to fulfil our calling, that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Minor Canon 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: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*  
*Arranged: Donald Hunt (1930-2018)*

*Sit as the choir sings*

**Psalm**            147.1-12

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :  
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :  
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart :  
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars :  
and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power :  
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek :  
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :  
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth :  
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle :  
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :  
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him:  
and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem :  
praise thy God, O Sion.

*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*

*Read by The Lord Mayor of Canterbury*

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.'

*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: Judith Weir (b. 1954) Master of the King's Music, St John's College service*

*Sit*

## **New Testament Reading**

*Revelation 21.1-14*

*Read by The Lord Lieutenant of Kent*

Then 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. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.'

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, 'Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.' And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

*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: Judith Weir (b. 1954) Master of the King's Music, St John's College service*

*Turn East to 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 catholick Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The Minor Canon 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:* Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)  
*Arranged:* Donald Hunt (1930-2018)

## **The Collects**

Almighty and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of CHARLES thy servant, our King and Governor, that in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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**

Give the King thy judgements, O God : and thy righteousness unto the King's son. He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgement. The mountains shall bring peace to the people: and the little hills, by righteousness. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation. Let us rejoice in him that made him, let Israel rejoice in him that made him, let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance, let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. Amen

*Words:* Psalm 72.1-3, Psalm 149.1-3

*Music:* Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

## **Sermon**

The Archbishop

## **Prayers**

*led by the Vice Dean*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

**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*



Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.

<sup>3</sup>Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.

<sup>2</sup>Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

<sup>4</sup>Frail as summer's flower we flourish;  
blows the wind and it is gone;  
but, while mortals rise and perish,  
God endures unchanging on:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the high eternal One.

<sup>5</sup>Angels, help us to adore him,  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

*Words:* H F Lyte (1793-1847)

*Tune:* PRAISE MY SOUL

AM 766

*Remain standing for*

## **The Blessing**

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

