Choral Evensong
The Justice Service for the County of Kent

5th March 2021
5.30pm
Nave
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All stand as the choir and clergy enter the Nave

Welcome  The Dean

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.


Sit as the choir sings

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Words: John Hughes (1873-1932)  Tune: CWM RHONDDA
Thus says the Lord: I will return to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts shall be called the holy mountain. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets. Thus says the Lord of hosts: Even though it seems impossible to the remnant of this people in these days, should it also seem impossible to me, says the Lord of hosts? Thus says the Lord of hosts: I will save my people from the east country and from the west country; and I will bring them to live in Jerusalem. They shall be my people and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness.

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Let your hands be strong—you that have recently been hearing these words from the mouths of the prophets who were present when the foundation was laid for the rebuilding of the temple, the house of the Lord of hosts. For before those days there were no wages for people or for animals, nor was there any safety from the foe for those who went out or came in, and I set them all against one another. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as in the former days, says the Lord of hosts. For there shall be a sowing of peace; the vine shall yield its fruit, the ground shall give its produce, and the skies shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things. Just as you have been a cursing among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so I will save you and you shall be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Just as I purposed to bring disaster upon you, when your ancestors provoked me to wrath, and I did not relent, says the Lord of hosts, so again I have purposed in these days to do good to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; do not be afraid. These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgements that are true and make for peace, do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, says the Lord.
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 lowlinness 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 Wood in E (1866-1926)

**Sit**

**New Testament Reading** *Mark 10.35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him,
‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ And he said to them,
‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ And they said to him, ‘Grant us
to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.’ But Jesus
said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the
cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized
with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I
drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will
be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but
it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So
Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those
whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are
tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become
great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among
you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to
serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’
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 Wood in E (1866-1926)

Sit for

The Address

The High Sheriff

Remain seated for

Hymn

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

3 O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

Words: John Bode (1816-74)

Tune: WOLVERCOTE
Stand

We 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.

Sit as the choir sings

Anthem My eyes for beauty pine

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for God’s grace: No other care nor hope is mine, to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above: ’Tis named when God’s name is said, ’Tis Love, ’tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part Of that celestial fire.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)
O God, mighty and merciful, the Judge of all people: grant to those who minister justice the spirit of wisdom and discernment; and that they may be strong and patient, upright and compassionate, fill them, we beseech thee, with the spirit of thy holy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Kent

Almighty and Everlasting God you have made our County of Kent throughout the history of this nation to be both a symbol of the strong defence of its sovereignty and also a sign of its welcome to those who journey here. We give you heartfelt thanks for the abiding beauty of this ‘Garden of England’, of marsh, down and weald, dockyard and Medway town, white cliff and pilgrim way, and pray that the daily life and work of our communities may demonstrate an equal beauty in the welfare, development and care of every member.

Bless this county and prosper with your grace all its creative endeavours, that in their upholding of truth, justice and liberty its people may ever remain “Invicta”, unconquered, an encouragement of service to our nation and a beacon of hope for all humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Written by the Dean)

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together

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.
We remain seated while the Choir sing

**Hymn**

O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him in the height;  
Rejoice in his word,  
Ye angels of light;  
Ye heavens adore him  
By whom you were made,  
And worship before him,  
In brightness arrayed.

3 O praise ye the Lord!  
All things that give sound;  
Each jubilant chord,  
Re-echo around;  
Loud organs, his glory  
Forth tell in deep tone,  
And sweet harp, the story  
Of what he has done.

2 O praise ye the Lord!  
Praise him on the earth,  
In tuneful accord,  
Ye sons of new birth;  
Praise him who has brought you  
His grace from above,  
Praise him who has taught you  
To sing of his love.

4 O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanksgiving and song  
To him be out-poured  
All ages along:  
For love in creation,  
For heaven restored,  
For grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord! Amen. Amen.

Words: H W Baker (1821-77)  
*Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM*

All stand

**The Blessing**  
(The Dean)

God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the Queen, 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.*

We remain standing while the Choir sing

**The National Anthem**

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save The Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save The Queen!

2 Thy choicest gifts in store  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign:  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice  
God save The Queen!

*Words: Anonymous*  
*Tune: NATIONAL ANTHEM*
Organ Voluntary

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