



GUILDFORD
CATHEDRAL

Association of Cathedral Voluntary Choirs
CHORAL EVENSONG

Saturday 26 May 2018



WELCOME TO GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL

Guildford Cathedral is a place of prayer, reflection, work and celebration, held in particular affection by the many thousands of people who helped build it by buying a brick. The Cathedral is a sacred space and an open community of people who together engage with God and the wider world, for the common good. It is a focus and resource for the whole community: a place of daily choral worship, a space for stillness and prayer, a place of pilgrimage and a venue for concerts, art and education.

THE ASSOCIATION OF CATHEDRAL VOLUNTARY CHOIRS

Like those in other cathedrals, Guildford's voluntary choir was founded in order to enable choral services to continue whilst the regular Cathedral Choir is on holiday. In 1996 the Association of Cathedral Voluntary Choirs was formed, and every 18 months the Association holds a Festival when singers from the member choirs come together in celebration. We are delighted that this year the event is here in Guildford - only the second time that we have been the hosts. For all of us, the opportunity to sing some of the finest sacred music within the liturgical context and in the buildings for which it was intended is both a pleasure and a privilege.

The weekend we are delighted to welcome choirs from the following Cathedrals: Carlisle, Chichester, Derby, Ely, Exeter, Guildford, Hereford, Lichfield, Rochester, Wells and Worcester.

MUSIC

The service is sung by the combined ACVC choir directed by John Bawden. The organ is played by the Organist and Master of the Choristers at Guildford Cathedral, Katherine Dienes-Williams.

Front cover image: the east window above the Dean's Stall in the Chapter House of Guildford Cathedral.

Remain seated as the choir and ministers process in.

INTROIT

Holy is the true light,
and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them
that endured in the heat of the conflict:
from Christ they inherit
a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia.

Words: G. H. Palmer (1846-1926)

Music: William Harris (1883-1973)

WELCOME

The Very Revd Dianna Gwilliams, Dean of Guildford

Stand

THE OPENING RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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: John Bawden (b. 1943)

Sit

*The choir sings the **PSALMS** appointed for this evening.*

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof :

yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him :

righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him :

and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world :

the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord :

at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness :

and all the people have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images,

and that delight in vain gods :

worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced :

and the daughters of Judah were glad,

because of thy judgements, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth :

thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil :

the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;

he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous :

and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous :

and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

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.

Words: Psalm 97

Music: George Cooper (1820-76)

O sing unto the Lord a new song :
for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm :
hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed
in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth
toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands :
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp :
sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms :
O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is:
the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world :
and the people with equity.

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.

*Words: Psalm 98
Music: Richard Woodward (1744-77)*

THE FIRST LESSON

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

To whom then will you liken God,
or what likeness compare with him?

An idol? - A workman casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold,
and casts for it silver chains.

As a gift one chooses mulberry wood
- wood that will not rot -
then seeks out a skilled artisan
to set up an image that will not topple.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,

and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,

and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,

scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,

and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,

or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,

calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,

mighty in power,

not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,

and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the Lord,

and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40. 12-31

Here ends the lesson.

Stand

MAGNIFICAT

My soul doth magnify the Lord :

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :

the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

Words: Luke 1. 46-55

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

SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Gospel according to St Mark.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Mark 1. 1-13

Here ends the lesson.

Stand

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.

Words: Luke 2. 29-32

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

THE 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 choir sings the **RESPONSES.**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

***Kneel
or sit***

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

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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 Queen.
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.

THE COLLECT FOR FIRST EVENING PRAYER OF TRINITY SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity; we beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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.

Music: John Bawden (b. 1943)

Sit

ANTHEM

God blessed the earth, and with one hand created oceans, sky and sand. The gift of life made creatures stir, and nature's sounds on earth were heard.

*O gift of life, and gift of bread,
by God our hearts and souls are fed.
Our voices raise in joyous praise! Our God is evermore.*

The forest whispers with God's voice; with songs of praise we all rejoice. God's love is in our harvest earth, each sunrise is a hymn of birth.

O gift of life....

We stand together, old and young, one soul, one faith, one heart, one tongue. In holy strength we'll find the worth to cherish all God's gifts on earth.

O gift of life...

*Words: Niel Lorenz
Music: Jonathan Willcocks (b. 1953)*

**Kneel or
sit**

THE PRAYERS

The prayers end with the Grace:

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.
Amen.**

Stand

HYMN

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to live,
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,
our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,
who strove in thee to die,
and found in thee a full reward,
accept our thankful cry.

Thine earthly members fit
to join thy saints above,
in one communion ever knit,
one fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless,
and humbly pray that we
may follow them in holiness,
who lived and died for thee.

All might, all praise, be thine,
Father, co-equal Son,
and Spirit, bond of love divine,
while endless ages run.

Words: Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: CP 215, Mount Ephraim, Benjamin Milgrove (1731-1810)

BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Flourish for an occasion

William Harris (1883-1973)