

Wednesday, May 12, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG WITH RECITAL

**ROGATION DAY – DAY OF SOLEMN PRAYER
THE EVE OF THE ASCENSION**

Officiant: *The Dean*

The Cathedral Schola:
*Sarah McPherson, Anne Kae,
Mark Russom, Jeremy Ludwig;*

Organ: *Michael Bloss.*

Choral Evensong offers an opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Traditionally, Choral Evensong is based on the services held daily in the medieval church as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. The liturgical language is more traditional and the choir sings “on behalf” of the congregation when it comes to the canticles, responses and psalms.

Organ Recital – L’Ascension (*Four Meditations*) Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Majesté du Christ demandant sa gloire à son Père

The majesty of Christ demanding his glory of the Father

Alleluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel

Serene alleluias of a soul that longs for heaven

Transports de joie d’une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne

Outbursts of joy from a soul before the glory of Christ which is its own glory

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père

Prayer of Christ ascending towards his Father

Words of Welcome

Sentence – O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Psalm 96. 9.

The Preces

Jason Smart

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's name be praised.

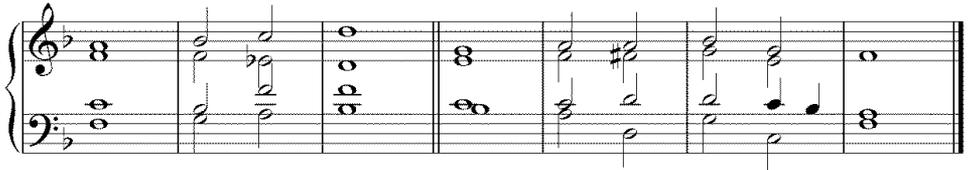
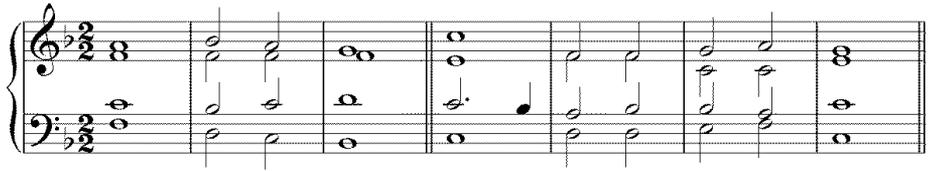
Psalm 68 Pt. 2 – Exurgat, Deus

Blessed be the Lord, who daily / beareth • our / burden,*
even the God / who is / our sal- / vation.

He is our God, even the God of whom / cometh • de- / liverance;*
and GOD is the / Lord by • whom / we es- • cape / death.

It is well seen, O God, / how thou / goest,*
how thou, my God and King, / goest • in- / to the / sanctuary.

The singers go before, the minstrels / follow / after,*
in the midst are the damsels / playing / with the / timbrels:



Bless ye God in the / congre-/ gations,*
even the LORD, ye that are / of the / fountain • of / Israel.'

There is little Benjamin their ruler,
the princes of Judah / and their / company,*
the princes of Zebulun, / and the / princes • of / Naphtali.

O GOD, put / forth thy / strength:*
stablish the thing, O God, that / thou hast / wrought for / us.

For thy temple's / sake at • Je- / rusalem*
kings shall bring / presents / unto / thee.

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples,
trampling under foot the / pieces • of / silver*
scatter thou the peoples / that de- / light in / war.

Then shall the princes come / out of / Egypt;*
Ethiopia shall soon stretch / out her / hands un- • to / God.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms / of the / earth:*
O sing / praises / unto • the / Lord;

Who rideth in the high heavens, which / are of / old:*
lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and / that a / mighty / voice.

Ascribe ye the power to God; his majesty is / over / Israel,*
and his / strength is / in the / clouds.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The time signature is 2/2. The music consists of several measures of chords and notes, with some accidentals (sharps and flats) visible. The notation is in a simple, hymn-like style.

O God, terrible art thou in thy / holy / places:*

even the God of Israel; he giveth strength and power unto his / people. /

Blessed be / God.

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. A- / ---- / men.

The First Lesson (Song of Three Young Men: 29-37)

Blessed art thou, O Lord, God of our fathers,
 and to be praised and highly exalted for ever;
 And blessed is thy glorious, holy name
 and to be highly praised and highly exalted for ever;
 Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holy glory
 and to be extolled and highly glorified for ever.

Blessed art thou, who sittest upon cherubim and lookest upon the deeps,
 and to be praised and highly exalted for ever.

Blessed art thou upon the throne of thy kingdom
 and to be extolled and highly exalted for ever.

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven
 and to be sung and glorified for ever.

Bless the Lord, all works of the Lord,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord,
 sing praise to him and highly exalt him for ever.

Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Herbert Murrill

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.

The Second Lesson (Matthew 28: 16-end)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The Nunc Dimittis

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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.

The Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People

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 Responses

Jason Smart

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Choir sings:

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.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the Queen.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Almighty and merciful God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Bless, we beseech thee, the labours of thy people, and cause the earth to bring forth her fruits abundantly in their season, that we may with grateful hearts give thanks to thee for the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

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 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 in 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.

The Anthem- Above All Praise and Majesty

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Above all praise and majesty, Lord thou reignest evermore. Alleluia

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Officiant

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.**

Hymn –Hail Thee, Festival Day

TEXT: Latin 6th c. tr. Percy Dearmer

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams. SALVE FESTA DIES

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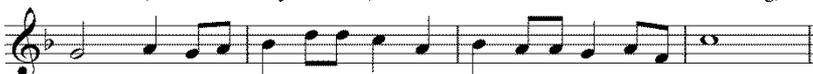
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day when our God as - cends high in the hea - vens to reign.



Lo, the fair beau - ty of earth, from the death of the win - ter - a - ris - ing,



ev - ery good gift of the year... now with its mas - ter re - turns.

Refrain



Hail, thee fes - ti - val day! Blest day that art hal - lowed for ev - er,



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Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the glo - ry of blos - som;



hea - ven her gates un - bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light.

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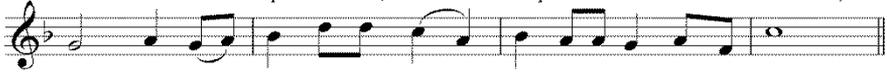
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Christ in his tri - umph as cends, who hath van - quished the de - vil's do - min - ion;



gay is the wood - land with leaves, bright are the mea - dows with flow'rs.

Refrain



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Je - sus the health of the world, en - ligh - ten our minds, thou Re deem - er,



Son of the Fa - ther su - preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God!

Refrain

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Organ Voluntary – Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn BWV 630 J.S. Bach

NEXT WEDNESDAY: MAY 19
EVENING PRAYER WITH
MEMORIAL OF DUNSTAN, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

Led by The Dean, Jeremy Ludwig and Michael Bloss

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