

Wednesday, June 16, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral  
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

MEMORIAL  
JOSEPH BUTLER, BISHOP OF DURHAM

*Officiant:* The Dean;

*Cantor:* John Janisse, *Piano and Organ:* Michael Bloss.

*Feria is the term given to a day other than a Sunday, or Sabbath Day. In fact, early Roman usage differentiated between “Sabbatum” and “Domica”. Saturday or Sunday but these days Feria refers to any weekday observance. If a weekday liturgy is associated to a saint or ember day, that would take precedence over simply a Feria designation.*

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

*Christians have always claimed that theirs was a “reasonable” religion, a religion so intellectually cogent that all thinking people should find it compelling. Up until the eighteenth century very few in western Europe challenged this claim. Then a form of rationalism emerged, which quickly gained the initiative and forced Christian intellectuals onto the defensive. One of the Christian thinkers to address the rationalist challenge was a clergyman of the Church of England named Joseph Butler, who was made bishop of Bristol in 1738 and bishop of Durham twelve years later. A quiet man who never married, he devoted his life to study and his income to charity. His studies bore fruit in a series of tightly reasoned works, in which he developed a balanced description of human rationality and vindicated the reasonableness of the Christian religion. In so doing, Butler used a framework of ideas which often seems foreign to modern thought. But the Christian faith must be renewed in every generation, and defended in the language that each generation understands. And so we remember Joseph Butler today, because he did much to stem the ebbtide of faith in his own age*

**Words of Welcome**

**Sentence**

I give you a wise and discerning mind.

1 Kings 3.12

# Solo – Sing ye praise

Felix Mendelssohn

*Sing ye praise, all ye redeemed of the Lord,  
redeemed from the hand of the foe,  
from your distresses, from deep affliction;  
who sat in the shadow of death and darkness.  
All ye that cry in trouble unto the Lord,  
sing ye praise! give ye thanks, proclaim aloud His goodness.  
He counteth all your sorrows in the time of need.  
He comforts the bereaved with his regard,  
proclaim aloud his goodness.*

## Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

All

A - - - - - men.

# Hymn – You Call Us Out

TEXT: Anna Briggs (1947-)

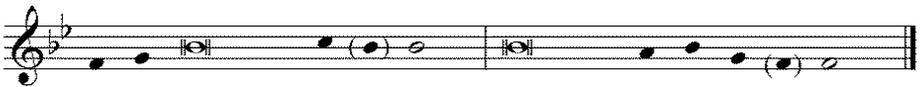
MUSIC: Patrick Wedd. BRIGGS



You call us out to praise you, one God for all the earth;  
For var-ied hues and text-ures, new pat-terns, still you search  
The church that speaks for-give-ness con-fess-es its own need;  
The church that of-fers heal-ing dis-cerns its wounds and loss;  
Our fee-ble voi-ces strug-gle to sing your jus-tice clear;  
to gath-er in com-mun-ion, and trea-sure hu-man worth;  
to weave your seam-less gar-ment, the fab-ric of your church;  
the church that feels its hun-ger, finds grace to care and feed;  
the church that fac-es dy-ing, shares life be-yond the cross;  
the world has sunk in si-lence, each dis-cord ech-oes fear.  
we are your liv-ing sto-ry, to hear and  
our tat-tered faith you cher-ish, re-claim from  
our fam-ished world is cry-ing, its fu-ture  
to peo-ple torn and bro-ken your mer-cy  
One voice a-lone is rag-ged; to- geth-er  
to be heard; we praise your name, who write us,  
wear and moth; we praise your name, who twine us,  
filled with dread; we praise your name, who fill us,  
is re-vealed; we praise your name, who love us,  
we are strong; we praise your name, who breathe us,  
the Wri-ter and the Word,  
the Weav-er and the Cloth,  
the Ba-ker and the Bread,  
the Heal-er and the Healed,  
the Sing-er and the Song.

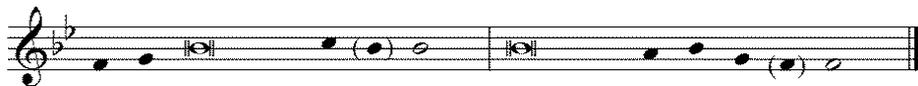
## Psalm 81 *Exultate Deo*

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.*



Sing with joy to God **our** strength\*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of **Ja-cob** and Rachel.

Raise a song and sound the **tim-brel**,\*  
the merry **harp** and the lyre.



Blow the ram's horn at the **new** moon,\*  
and at the full moon, the **day** of our feast.

For this is a statute for **Is**-rael,\*  
a law of the God of **Ab**-raham and Sarah.

God laid it as a solemn charge upon **Jo**-seph,\*  
when he came out of **the** land of Egypt.

I heard an unfamiliar voice **say**-ing,\*  
“I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from **bear**-ing the load”.

You called on me in trouble and **I** saved you,\*  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder  
and tested you at the **wa**-ters of Meribah.

Hear O my people, and I will ad-**mon**-ish you:\*  
O Israel, if you would but **lis**-ten to me.

There shall be no strange God a-**mong** you;\*  
you shall not worship **a** foreign god.

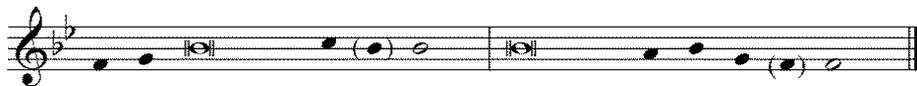
I am your god, who brought you out of the land of Egypt **and** said,\*  
“Open your mouth wide, **and** I will fill it.”

And yet my people did not hear **my** voice,\*  
and Israel **would** not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of **their** hearts,\*  
to follow **their** own devices.

Oh that my people would listen **to** me!\*  
that Israel would **walk** in my ways!

I should soon subdue their **e**-nemies\*  
and turn my **hand** against their foes.



Those who hate me would cringe be-**fore** me,\*  
their punishment **would** last forever.

But Israel I would feed with the **fin**-est wheat\*  
and satisfy them with **hon**-ey from the rock.

Glory to God Source of all **be**-ing,  
eternal **Word** and Holy Spirit.

As it was in the be-**gin**-ning,  
is now and will be for-**ev**-er. Amen.

## Psalm 82 *Deus stetit*



God stands in the council **of** heaven;\*  
and gives judgement in the midst of **the** gods.

“How long will you judge **un**-justly,\*  
and show favour to **the** wicked?”

Save the weak and the **or**-phan;\*  
defend the humble **and** needy;

Rescue the weak and **the** poor;\*  
deliver them from the power of **the** wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about **in** darkness;\*  
all the foundations of the earth **are** shaken.

Now I say to you, “You **are** gods,\*  
and all of you children of the **Most** high.

Nevertheless, you shall die **like** mortals,\*  
and fall like a-**ny** ruler.”



## Gospel Acclamation



*Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.*

### **Word** (Luke 20: 27-40)

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.” Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Nunc Dimittis

*(sung by all)*



LORD, NOW you let your servant go **in** peace;\*  
your word has **been** fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation \*  
which you have prepared in the sight of **ev'**ry people;

A light to reveal you to the **nations** \*  
and the glory of your **people** Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. **A**-men.

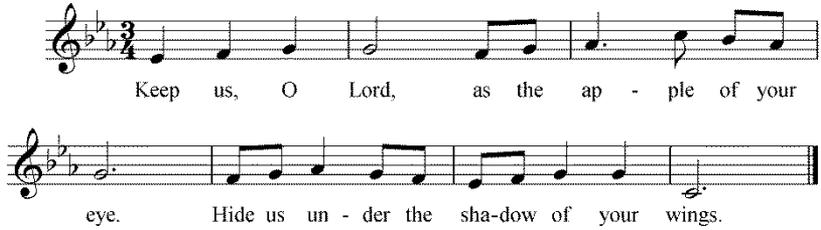
## Affirmation of Faith

**Hear, O Israel,  
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.  
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no commandment greater than these.**

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



Keep us, O Lord, as the ap - ple of your  
eye. Hide us un - der the sha-dow of your wings.

For the peace of the whole world, we pray to you Lord.

### REFRAIN

For those who are weary, sleepless and depressed, we pray to you Lord

### REFRAIN

For those who are hungry, sick and frightened, we pray to you Lord,

### REFRAIN

For rest and refreshment we pray to you Lord

### REFRAIN

Guide us waking, O Lord and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

### REFRAIN

## Collect

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

O God, by your Holy Spirit you give to some the word of wisdom, to others the word of knowledge and to others the word of faith. We praise your Name for the gifts of grace manifested in your servant Joseph Butler, and we pray that by his teaching we may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn – God of the Future

TEXT: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 2004

MUSIC: Alfred V. Fedak. HERNDON



God of the fu - ture, call - ing us for - ward, thaw our in -  
Where we think jus - tice will crown our jour - ney, teach us in  
Wi - den our vi - sion to grasp a mis - sion broad - er than  
For our fore - bo - dings give us a fore - taste of all you



er - tia, and wean us from greed; trans - form false com - fort  
mer - cy to seek our true home; when end - ing blood - shed  
an - y we dream on our own; help us sur - ren - der  
call us to do and to be; God of the fu - ture,



in - to com - mit - ment that we may serve you in word and in deed.  
seems our best pur - pose, show us the deep peace that lives in sha - lom.  
all that would hin - der our full in - ten - tion to be yours a - lone.  
still lead us for - ward to live as peo - ple whom Christ has set free.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Organ – Toccata Undecima**

**Girolamo Frescobaldi**

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG  
THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Dean with The Cathedral Schola and Michael Bloss

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