

St John's College Chapel



Choral Evensong

Friday 18 May 2018

The evening's service will be live
streamed by Classic FM on Facebook.

Please ensure that all mobile phones are
turned off,
we request that there is no filming or
recording of this services
and please turn pages quietly

ORDER OF SERVICE

¶*Stand for the entry of the Choir and Clergy*

The INTROIT is sung by the Choir:

O CLAP YOUR HANDS

O, clap your hands, all ye people;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises, every one that hath understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen,
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King.
Sing praises.

Words *Psalm 27*

Music *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
(1872–1958)

WELCOME

The Cantor and the Choir sing the RESPONSES:

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

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Response 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.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Response The Lord's Name be praised.

Music *Philip Radcliffe*
(1905–1986)

1. Lord thou hast been our refuge : from one generation to another.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made : thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.
3. Thou turnest man to destruction : again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday : seeing that is past as a watch in the night.
5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep : and fade away suddenly like the grass.
6. In the morning it is green, and groweth up : but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.
7. For we consume away in thy displeasure : and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
8. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee : and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9. For when thou art angry all our days are gone : we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.
10. The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.
11. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.
12. So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.
14. O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15. Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.
16. Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.
17. And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handywork.

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 FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 36 vv. 22–28
Read by Edan Umrigar

¶*Sit*

The Word of the Lord came to Ezekiel: "Therefore tell the Israelites that the Lord God says: It is not for the sake of you Israelites that I am acting, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the peoples where you have gone. I shall hallow my great name, which you have profaned among those nations. When they see that I reveal my holiness through you, they will know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God. I shall take you from among the nations, and gather you from every land, and bring you to your homeland. I shall sprinkle pure water over you, and you will be purified from everything that defiles you; I shall purify you from the taint of all your idols. I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I shall remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh. I shall put my spirit within you and make you conform to my statutes; you will observe my laws faithfully. Then you will live in the land I gave to your forefathers; you will be my people, and I shall be your God.'

The Choir sings the MAGNIFICAT:

¶*Stand*

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.

Service in A
Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852–1924)

The SECOND LESSON: Matthew 6 vv. 19–21, 25–34
Read by Daniel Blick

¶*Sit*

Jesus taught his disciples, saying, ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasure on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and thieves break in and steal; but store up treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust will destroy, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘This is why I tell you not to be anxious about food and drink to keep you alive and about clothes to cover your body. Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes. Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth more than the birds? Can anxious thought add a single day to your life? And why be anxious about clothes? Consider how the lilies grow in the fields; they do not work, they do not spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendour was not attired like one of them. If that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, will he not all the more clothe you? How little faith you have! Do not ask anxiously, “What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear?” These are the things that occupy the minds of the heathen, but your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. Set your mind on God’s kingdom and his justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well So do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself Each day has troubles enough of its own.’

The Choir sings the NUNC DIMITTIS:

¶*Stand*

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.

Service in A
Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852–1924)

The Congregation, facing East, joins with the Minister in the CREED:

All **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 Cantor and Choir sing the PRECES:

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Response And with thy spirit.

¶*Kneel*

Cantor Let us pray.
Response 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.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Response And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the Queen.
Response And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Response And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Response And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Response Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Response And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

There follow three Collects sung by the Cantor:

The Collect of the Day

O God the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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 *Philip Radcliffe*
(1905–1986)

LORD, THOU HAST BEEN OUR REFUGE

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the
world were made, thou art God from everlasting and world without end.
Thou turnest man to destruction; again thou sayest
Come again ye children of men;
For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday,
seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep
and fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and groweth up,
but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure,
and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.
For when thou art angry our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end as a tale that is told:
so passeth it away and we are gone
The years of our age are three score years and ten,
and though men be so strong that they come to four score years,
yet is their strength but labour and sorrow.
Turn thee again O Lord at the last.
Be gracious unto thy servants.
O satisfy us with thy mercy and that soon.
So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the
world were made, Thou art God from everlasting and world without end.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord be upon us.
O prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handiwork.

The COLLEGE PRAYER:

Bless, O Lord, the work of this College, which is called by the name of thy beloved disciple; and grant that love of the brethren and all sound learning may ever grow and prosper here, to thy honour and glory, and to the good of thy people, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The GRACE:

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

HYMN

¶*Stand*

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn,
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Words *Bianco da Siena*
(d.1434)
Tr. *Richard Littledale*
(1833–1890)

Tune **DOWN AMPNEY**
Ralph Vaughan Williams
(1872–1958)

VOLUNTARY

Paean

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

¶*Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart*

Members of the congregation are invited to remain in their seats for the
Voluntary.

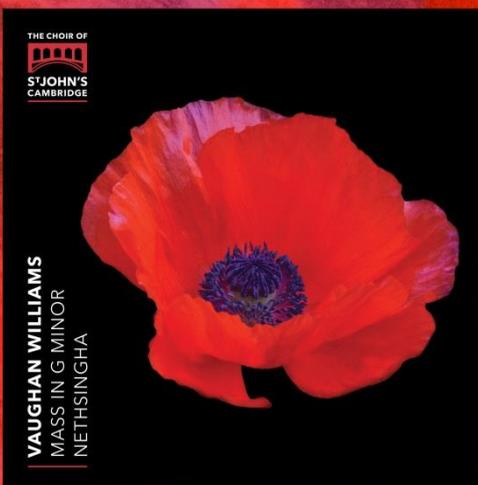
Please remember that this service is being streamed live by Classic FM.
We respectfully request that you remain quiet until after the voluntary which
forms part of this service.

Collection



CHRISTIAN AID is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty.

signum
CLASSICS



NEW RELEASE
FRIDAY 18TH MAY
MASS IN G MINOR
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS



"Clean lines, rounded
tone and a near perfect
balance of voices"
Choir & Organ



Enjoy all five of our releases on the
award-winning 'St John's Cambridge' label

THE CHOIR OF

ST JOHN'S
CAMBRIDGE

WEEKLY WEBCASTS
sjcchoir.co.uk

FOLLOW THE CHOIR

