



SAINT:FIN:BARRE'S

CATHEDRAL

Sunday 14th July 2024

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Choral Evensong - 3.30pm

Sung by the Lay Clerks of

St Mary's Church, West Derby, UK)

Choral Evensong is essentially a service of reflection, leaving ourselves open so that God may speak to us through the psalms, readings and canticles, which are the core of the service. In the Anglican tradition the music finds its natural setting in the office of Evensong, a combination of the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline.

There are no announcements during the service. Please join in all spoken parts (in bold print) and in the singing of the hymns (from the green hymn book) and follow the rubrics (in red print) which direct you when to sit and stand.

All stand for

THE INTROIT

O come, ye servants of the Lord - *Christopher Tye (c.1505 - 1573)*

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION - 436

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PENITENCE

The Invitation to Penitence is read, after which all kneel and say

Almighty and most merciful Father; **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE PRECES

William Smith (1603-1645)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

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

All sing

THE OFFICE HYMN - 150

Sit

PSALM 66

1. O be joyful in God, all ye lands :
sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise to be glorious.
2. Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works :
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee.
3. For all the world shall worship thee : sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
4. O come hither, and behold the works of God :
how wonderful he is in his doing towards the children of men.
5. He turned the sea into dry land :
so that they went through the water on foot; there did we rejoice thereof.
6. He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the people :
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves.
7. O praise our God, ye peoples : and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
8. Who holdeth our soul in life : and suffereth not our feet to slip.
9. For thou, O God, hast proved us : thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
10. Thou broughtest us into the snare : and laidest trouble upon our loins.
11. Thou sufferedest men to ride over our heads : we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
12. I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings : and will pay thee my vows, which I
promised with my lips, and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

13. I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :
I will offer bullocks and goats.
 14. O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God :
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul,
 15. I called unto him with my mouth : and gave him praises with my tongue.
 16. If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart : the Lord will not hear me.
 17. But God hath heard me : and considered the voice of my prayer.
 18. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer : nor turned his mercy from me.
- Gloria*

THE FIRST LESSON - Sirach 4: 11-28

Stand

Magnificat

Charles Villers Stanford (1852 -1924) in B flat

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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. *Gloria.*

Sit

THE SECOND LESSON - Romans 15: 14-29

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Charles Villers Stanford (1852 -1924) in B flat

The Song of Simeon

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. *Gloria.*

All say

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY

William Smith (1603-1645)

Cantor: The Lord be with you

Choir: and with thy Spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray. *Kneel*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings the LORD'S PRAYER followed by the VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us

Choir: and grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, guide and defend our rulers

Choir: and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness

Choir: and make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people

Choir: and bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord,

Choir: because there is none other that fighteth for us but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us

Choir: and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

THE ANTHEM *Sit*

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house – *Richard Shephard (1949 - 2021)*

THE PRAYERS followed by HYMN 250

CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Fugue no. 3 in D minor - *Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

Please remain seated in silence until the Organ Voluntary has ended.