

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE CHAPEL



EVENSONG

ANDREW NETHSINGHA'S FINAL
SERVICE AS DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Thursday 1st December 2022

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My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Psalm 57. 8

It is very good to welcome so many friends to the Chapel this evening. It is, of course, a bitter-sweet occasion for us. This service is full of enormous gratitude for all that Andrew has achieved amongst us, for his musical inspiration and pastoral care, and the sensitive ways he has enriched the liturgical life of our Chapel. We will all miss him very much. So many of us have reason to thank him for the ways in which he has touched our lives, and for the creative ways he has developed our understanding and skills. We send him on his way to Westminster Abbey with our deep affection and prayers, knowing that a great new chapter is to begin for him and for the Abbey's life and work. We also say 'thank you' to Lucy and the family for sharing Andrew with us so generously, allowing him to give the time and commitment he has relentlessly devoted here as director, teacher, and friend.

The Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley
Dean

Please note that rubrics asking you to stand are only for those who are able to.



The Chapel is fitted with a hearing induction loop for those who are hearing-impaired.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please join in all texts printed in **bold**.*

All stand at the entry of the Choir and Clergy.

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

The Cantor and Choir sing the Preces.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O 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 *Bernard Rose (1916–1996)*

Please remain standing.

PSALM 4

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness:

thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;

have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour:

and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

Know this also,

that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly:

when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart,
and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness:
and put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will show us any good?

Lord, lift thou up: the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart:

since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest:

for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.

Chant *John Soaper (1743–1794)*

Please sit.

FIRST LESSON

Read by Lucy Nethsingha.

2 KINGS 2, 9–13

Here begins the ninth verse of the second chapter of the Second Book of the Kings.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT: THE SONG OF 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.
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 E
Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

Please sit.

SECOND LESSON

Read by the Master.

PHILIPPIANS 4. 1, 4-9

Here begins the fourth chapter of the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS: 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.

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 E
Herbert Murrill (1909–1952)

Please remain standing for the Creed, which all say, facing east.

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 Responses, Lord's Prayer and Collects.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please kneel or sit.

Let us pray.
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 King.
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 OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and 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 Bernard Rose

ANTHEM: THERE IS NO ROSE

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu: *Alleluia*

For in this rose containèd was
Heav'n and earth in little space: *Res Miranda* [A marvellous thing]

By that rose we may well see
There be one God in Persons Three: *Pares forma* [Equal in form]

Then leave we all this worldly mirth
And follow we this joyous birth: *Transeamus* [Let us follow]

Words *Anonymous, 14th century*

Music *John Joubert (1927–2019)*

THE PRAYERS

Led by the Chaplain, and concluding with the Grace.

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.

Please stand for the hymn.

HYMN

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

See the following page for the descant.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Descant v.3

Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and
spot - less let us be; let us see thy great sal -
va - tion, per - fect - ly re - stored in thee,
chan - ged from glo - ry in - to glo - ry till in heaven we
take our place, till we cast our crowns be -
fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise!

Words *Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

Tune *BLAENWERN*
William Rowlands (1860–1937)
Descant by Christopher Robinson (b. 1936)

THE COLLEGE PRAYER AND BLESSING

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.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please remain standing as the Choir and Clergy depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (BWV 731)

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)*

Paeon

*Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)*

After the service, wine and soft drinks will be served in the Ante-Chapel. Please return to your seat in Chapel as soon as you have your glass in hand, so that the speeches may begin.

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The Rev'd Dr Mark Oakley

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