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CHORAL EVENSONG

attended in Civic State by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff

Sunday 15th December 2024
3.00pm

Order of Service



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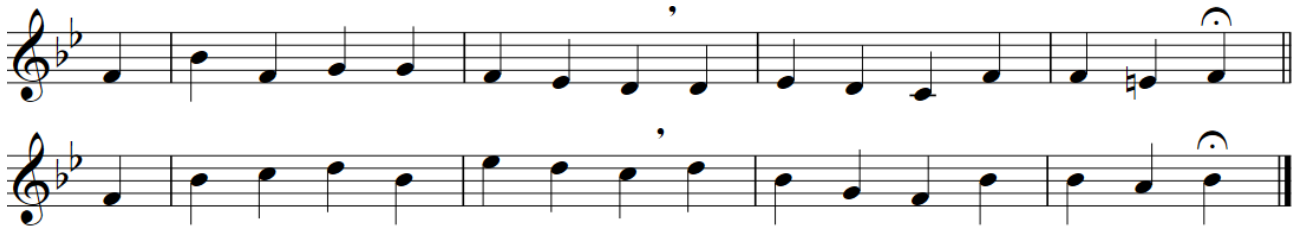


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ORDER OF SERVICE

§ Please stand as the procession enters. We sing together:

The Processional Hymn



1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings!
2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade
And wither like a flower decayed.
4. Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Holy Ghost, for evermore. Amen

Words: *Jordanis oras praevia*, Charles Coffin (1676-1749)
translated by John Chandler (1806-1876)

Music: WINCHESTER NEW
Adapted from a chorale in
Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690

§ *Please remain standing as words of welcome are offered.*

The Preces

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

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.

*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;

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music: William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

The Psalm

§ *The psalmody appointed for the evening is announced. Please sit as the choir sings:*

The Lord even the most mighty God has spoken:
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty:
hath God shone forth in glory.

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence:
there shall go before him a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call to heaven above:
and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people.

'Gather my faithful together unto me:
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.'

And the heaven shall declare his righteousness:
even that God himself is judge.

§ *Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 50

Chant: George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

§ *Please sit.*

The First Lesson

The First Lesson is taken from the thirty-fifth chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the first verse:

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Magnificat

§ Please stand:

Choir Magnificat anima mea Dominum; et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo, quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae; Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes. Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius, et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum. Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; dispersit superbos mente cordis sui; deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles; esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae, sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

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 showed 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

Music: Magnificat Tertii Toni
Francesco Soriano (1549-1621)

§ Please sit.

The Second Lesson

The Second Lesson is taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of St Luke, beginning at the fifty-seventh verse:

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

Luke 1. 57-66

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

§ *Please stand.*

Choir Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum. Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum: Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto, Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

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 peoples. 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

Music: Nunc Dimittis Tertii Toni
after Viadana

The Apostles' Creed

§ *Please remain standing:*

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 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 is seated at 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 cantor and choir sing:*

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Cantor Let us pray.

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

Choir *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;
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 Collects

Cantor Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Give ear, Lord, to our prayers, and by thy gracious visitation lighten the darkness of our minds; through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Almighty 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 that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Cantor 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.

Choir Amen.

Choir This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

Words: John 1. 19-23 (Geneva Bible)

Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The Blessing of the Lord Mayor

§ *The Lord Mayor stands before the Dean under the Majestas. The Dean addresses all present:*

Let us give thanks for our new Lord Mayor, Councillor Helen Lloyd Jones, and for the work and service of her predecessor. Christians acknowledge God our heavenly Father as the source and inspiration of all earthly authority, and so we pray God's blessing upon the work of the Lord Mayor and Council together and all that will be achieved.

In a moment of silence, we offer our thoughts and prayers for Helen, in our own way.

§ *Silence is kept*

Almighty God,
fount and inspiration of all dignity and honour,
of all that changes and all that endures.
Bless Helen, our Lord Mayor, with your heavenly grace.
Endue her with your gifts of wisdom, prudence, courage, fortitude and patience.
Make her unassuming in success, generous in failure,
rich in tactfulness, and gentle in leadership.
May our city of Cardiff prosper and all its citizens flourish.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord,
our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

§ *The Lord Mayor is verged back to her seat.*

Prayers Of Intercession

§ *The Intercessions conclude with the Grace:*

All **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

§ *The Hymn is announced. Please stand to sing:*



All The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom free;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
bless all humanity.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done;
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

Words: John Milton (1608-74)

Music: ST STEPHEN
William Jones (1726-1800)

§ Please remain standing.

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of righteousness shine on you and scatter the darkness from before you;

✠	And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.	A bendith Duw hollalluog, y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda chwi yn wastad.
All	Amen.	Amen.

§ The congregation remains standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

Organ Voluntary

A Voluntarie from My Ladye Nevell's Book

William Byrd

§ The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship.
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