

PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

Festal Choral Evensong

The Coronation of King Charles III



*'Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people,
able to discern between good and evil.'*

1 Kings 3.9a



Opening Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'Melcombe'
C H H Parry (1848-1918)

The Introit

Remain seated while the choir sings.

The King Shall Rejoice

The King shall rejoice in thy Strength, O Lord.

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn.

How shall I sing that majesty

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Text: John Mason (1645-1694)

Music: Kenneth Naylor (1872-1958)

Tune: COE FEN

The Sentence of Scripture

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in
showing honour.

Romans 12.9-10

The Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall show 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.

Psalm 148

Please be seated, but stand for the final Gloria.

O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he spake the word and they were made, he commanded and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

Praise the Lord upon earth: ye dragons and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours: wind and storm fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord: for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people, all his saints shall praise him: even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Please 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 with out end.
Amen.

Chant setting: William Lawes (1602-1645)

The First Lesson

Please sit.

I Kings 3.5-10

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

Magnificat

Please stand.

Luke 1.46-55: 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 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.

Canticle setting: Stanford in B flat – C V Stanford (1852-1924)

The Second Lesson

Please be seated.

Luke 22.24-30

A dispute also arose among the twelve disciples as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Nunc Dimittis

Please stand.

Luke 2.29-32: 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 Spirit;

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

Amen.

Canticle setting: Stanford in B flat – C V Stanford (1852-1924)

The Apostles' Creed

All remain standing and face the altar.

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

The Responses

The Lord be with you
and with thy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

*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,
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.*

O Lord, show 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.

Setting: William Smith (1603-1645)

The Collects

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
and all who are in authority under him;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

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

Zadok the Priest

Zadok the Priest, and Nathan the Prophet anointed Solomon King.
And all the people rejoiced, and said:
God save the King! Long live the King!
May the King live for ever,
Amen, Alleluia.

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

The Sermon

The Revd Jonathan Andrew

Hymn

Please stand.

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Music: Stuart Whatton (b.1963)

Tune: McKinnon

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel.

The National Anthem

Please stand.

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign:
may he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King!

Words: English traditional

Music: Thesaurus Musicus (c.1743)

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Closing Voluntary

Tuba Tune

C S Lang (1891-1971)



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