

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

Choral Evensong

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee



'The leader [must become] like one who serves'

Luke 22.26b



Opening Voluntary

Chorale

William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Introit

Remained seated while the choir sings.

O Taste and See

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
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Performed at the Queen's Coronation Service, Tuesday 2 June 1953

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Choir only sing verse three.

All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

The Sentence of Scripture

Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than
choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may
desire cannot compare with her.

Proverbs 8.10-11

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 21.1-7, 13

Please be seated.

The king shall rejoice in thy strength O Lord:
exceeding glad shall he be of thy salvation.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire:
and hast not denied him the request of his lips.

For thou comest to meet him with blessings of goodness:
and settest a crown of pure gold upon his head.

He asked life of thee and thou gavest him a long life:
length of days for ever and ever.

His honour is great because of thy salvation:
glory and majesty dost thou lay upon him.

For thou givest him everlasting felicity:
and makest him glad with the joy of thy countenance.

For the king putteth his trust in the Lord:
and through the mercy of the Most Highest he shall not be moved.

Be though exalted O Lord in thine own strength:
so will we sing and praise thy power.

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.

The First Lesson

Please sit.

Proverbs 8.1-16: The Gifts of Wisdom

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
'To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.
Hear, for I will speak noble things,
and from my lips will come what is right;
for my mouth will utter truth;
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are righteous;
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.
They are all straight to one who understands
and right to those who find knowledge.
Take my instruction instead of silver,
and knowledge rather than choice gold;
for wisdom is better than jewels,
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.
I, wisdom, live with prudence,
and I attain knowledge and discretion.
The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
I have good advice and sound wisdom;
I have insight, I have strength.
By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;
by me rulers rule,
and nobles, all who govern rightly.

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 with out end. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Please be seated.

Luke 22.24-30: The Dispute about Greatness

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he 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 with out end. Amen.

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 Queen
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 Collects

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.

Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
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

Put Thou Thy Trust in God

Put thou thy trust in God,
In duty's path go on,
Walk in his strength with faith and hope,
So shall thy work be done.

Commit thy ways to him,
Thy works into his hands,
And rest on his unchanging word
Who heaven and earth commands.

Though years on years roll on,
His covenant shall endure;
Though clouds and darkness hide his path,
The promised grace is sure.

Leave to his sovereign sway
To choose and to command;
So shalt thou, wondering, own his way,
How wise, how strong his hand.

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Platinum Jubilee and receiving its first performance today.*

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676), transl. John Wesley

Music: Matthew Owens (b. 1971)

The Sermon

Hymn

Please stand.

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, Great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.

The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, Holy, Holy,' cry,
'almighty King.
who was, and is the same,
and evermore shall be.
Jehovah, Father, great I AM,
we worship thee.'

Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new;
he shows his prints of love –
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.

The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
'hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,'
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

The Prayers

Please sit or kneel.

The National Anthem

Please stand.

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

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

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, 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

La Réjouissance

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)



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