CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL

Choral Evensong

Sunday 9 May 2021
6.00 p.m.
Voluntary  *Toccata, Adagio and Fugue*  
*BWV 564: Adagio*  
*Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)*

*The Introit is sung*

**Introit** Turn to me in mercy,  
As you always do to those who love your name.  
O God, Father, Son, Spirit.

Words  *Psalm 119: 132*  
Music  *Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)*

**Welcome**

**Responses** *(sung by the choir)*  
Music  *Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)*

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 45**  
Chant  *Thomas Turton (1780–1864); William Russell (1777–1813)*

My heart is inditing of a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.  
My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.  
Thou art fairer than the children of men: full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.  
Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty: according to thy worship and renown.  
Good luck have thou with thine honour: ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.  
Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto thee: even in the midst among the King’s enemies.  
Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.  
Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity: wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.  
All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia: out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.  
Kings’ daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold, wrought about with divers colours.
Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear: forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house.
So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty: for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift: like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication before thee.
The King’s daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold.
She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work: the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be brought unto thee.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought: and shall enter into the King’s palace.
Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children: whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
I will remember thy Name from one generation to another: therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.
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.

Reading  John 20: 19–23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’

Here ends the first reading.

Magnificat (sung by the 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 ejus,
Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies timentibus cum.
Fecit potentiam in bracchio 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 ejus 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 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  Sigurður Sævarsson (b.1963)

* This Magnificat setting was commissioned and premiered by Graham Ross and the Choir in 2018

Reading  John 20: 24–31

Here begins the 24th verse of the 20th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’

But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ 27 Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

28 Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

29 Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Here ends the second reading.
Nunc dimittis  *(sung by the 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 saecula saeculorum. 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 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  *Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)* a 4

The Apostles’ Creed  *(All turn towards the East)*

All
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 Lesser Litany and Responses  *(sung by the choir)*

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven...

O Lord, shew 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

The First Collect, for the Day:
O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Second 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 Third 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  Humphrey Clucas
Anthem

Ne irascaris, Domine, satis, et ne ultra memineris iniquitatis nostrae:
Ecce, respice, populus tuus omnes nos.

Civitas sancti tui facta est deserta. Sion deserta facta est. Jerusalem desolata est.

Lord, do not crush us with thy wrath, as we deserve; neither keep in thy memory our many dire offences. Dear Lord, look down and see: we are thy people, all of us.

Bow thine ear, O Lord, and hear us: Let thine anger cease from us. Sion is wasted and brought low. Jerusalem is wasted and brought low, Jerusalem desolate and void.

Words Isaiah 64: 9–10
Music William Byrd (1540–1623)

The Prayers, which 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.

Sermon Tom Habib

Hymn At the name of Jesus
NEH 338 Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
’Tis the Father’s pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and bright dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.

Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:
Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father’s breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,
He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.

Words  Caroline Noel (1817–77)
Music ‘Evelyns’, William Henry Monk (1823–89)

The Blessing

Voluntary  Toccata, Adagio and Fugue
BWV 564: Toccata  Johann Sebastian Bach

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