

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Sunday 30 October 2022

6.00 p.m.

Voluntary *Plymouth Suite: ii. Lantana*

Percy Whitlock (1903–46)

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit O do not move,
Listen to the gentle beginning.

Words *Giorgos Seferis (1900–71)*
Music *John Tavener (1944–2013)*

Welcome The Dean

Responses *(sung by the choir)*
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.

Music *Bernard Rose (1916–96)*

All sit

Psalm 32: 1–12 Blessed is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit
there is no guile.
For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily
complaining.
For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the
drought in summer.
I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the
wickedness of my sin.
For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee, in a time when
thou mayest be found: but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh
him.
Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt
compass me about with songs of deliverance.
I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will
guide thee with mine eye.
Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths
must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord,
mercy embraceth him on every side.

Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

All 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 without end.
Amen.

Chant *John Jones (1728–96)*

All sit

Reading

John 6: 47-59

Here begins the 47th verse of the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

⁴⁷ Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. ⁵⁰ But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.’

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

⁵³ Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live for ever.’ ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Here ends the first reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Magnificat (*sung by the Choir*)

My soul doth magnify the Lord;
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my saviour;
greater in honour than the cherubim,
and glorious incomparably more than the seraphim;
thou who inviolate didst bring forth God the word,
and art indeed the Mother of God: thee do we magnify.
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: 46–55*

Music Collegium Regale Service, *John Tavener*

All sit

Reading John 6: 60–69

Here begins the 60th verse of the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, ‘This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?’

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, ‘Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you – they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.’

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. ⁶⁷ ‘You do not want to leave too, do you?’ Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Here ends the second reading.

All stand as the Choir stands

Nunc dimittis *(sung by the choir)*

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 Collegium Regale Service, *John Tavener*

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

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 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.

All kneel or sit 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 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 Collects

The First Collect, for the Day:

O Almighty and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 *Bernard Rose*

All sit

Anthem

Blazhen muzh, izhe ne ide na sovet
nechestivih.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Yako vest' Ghospod' put' pravednih
i put' nechestivih pogibnet.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Rabotayte Ghospodevi so strahom,
i raduytesia Yemu s trepetom.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Blazheni fsi nadeyushchiisia nan'.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Voskresni, Ghospodi, spasi mia, Bozhe
moy.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Ghospodne yest' spaseniye
i na liudeh Tvoih blagosloveniye Tvoye.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Slava Ottsu, i Sinu, i Sviatomu Duhu,
i nune i prisno, i vo veki vekov. Amin'.
Alliluiya, alliluiya, alliluiya.
Slava Tebe, Bozhe!

*Blessed is the man, who walks not in the
counsel of the wicked.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Serve the Lord with fear
and rejoice in Him with trembling.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Salvation belongs to the Lord,
and Thy blessing be upon Thy people.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
both now and ever, and unto ages of ages.
Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Glory to Thee, O God!*

Words *All-Night Vigil, Vespers*
Music *Sergei Rachmaninov (1873–1943)*

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.**

Notices The Dean

All stand

Hymn 354 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words *William Whiting (1825–78)*
Music *Melita, J. B. Dykes (1823–76)*

All sit

Sermon The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell

All stand

Hymn 401 Light's abode, celestial Salem,
Vision dear whence peace doth spring,
Brighter than the heart can fancy,
Mansion of the highest King;
O, how glorious are the praises
Which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
Alleluya is outpoured;
For unending, for unbroken
Is the feast-day of the Lord;
All is pure and all is holy
That within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour
Dims the brightness of the air;
Endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
From the Sun of suns is there;
There no night brings rest from labour,
For unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
Fragile body, shalt thou be,
When endued with so much beauty,
Full of health, and strong, and free,
Full of vigour, full of pleasure
That shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
Bear the burden on thee laid,
That hereafter these thy labours
May with endless gifts be paid,
And in everlasting glory
Thou with joy may'st be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in love, and One in splendour,
while unending ages run. Amen.

Words Jerusalem luminosa, Tr. *J. M. Neale (1818–66)*
Music Regent Square, *Henry Smart (1813–79)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Toccata*

Music *James MacMillan (1959–)*

If leaving the Chapel before the end of the Voluntary, please do so quietly and respectfully to those staying to listen.

This term's charity is Jimmy's Cambridge, which works to provide help for the homeless in Cambridge. For over twenty years, Jimmy's has worked with the local community, volunteers and partner agencies to provide round-the-clock emergency accommodation and supported housing for those who would otherwise be homeless or vulnerable. You can find out more at www.jimmyscambridge.org.uk. As you leave the Chapel this evening, there will be an opportunity to donate to Jimmy's. You can make a donation of £5 by touching your card on to the contactless card reader in the Ante-Chapel, or you can also make a cash donation in the collection box.

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

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| Tuesday 1 st | 6.00 p.m. | Requiem on the eve of All Souls' Day (in Chapel) |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Reading Group (E3, with wine and cheese) |
| Thursday 3 rd | 6.15 p.m. | Choral Evensong (in Chapel), |
| Sunday 6 th | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion (in Chapel), followed by breakfast in E3 |
| | 5.25 p.m. | Vocal Recital (in Chapel) |
| | 6.00 p.m. | Choral Evensong (in Chapel) with guest preacher, The Revd Niv Lobo (Clare 2009) |

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