

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Third Sunday before Advent

Sunday 6 November 2022

6.00 p.m.

Voluntary *Vesper Voluntaries*, Op. 14, No.4

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Oh steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me,
He calls me by the thunder:
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away...

Green trees are bendin',
Poor sinner stands a-tremblin':
The trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.
Steal away...

Words Anonymous

Music Anonymous, arr. *Timothy Brown (1946–, Clare Director of Music 1979–2010)*

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 *William Smith (1603–45)*

All sit

Psalm 40: 1–14

I waited patiently for the Lord: and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
² He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay: and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
³ And he hath put a new song in my mouth: even a thanksgiving unto our God.
⁴ Many shall see it, and fear: and shall put their trust in the Lord.
⁵ Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord: and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies.

⁶ O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward: and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee.

⁷ If I should declare them, and speak of them: they should be more than I am able to express.

⁸ Sacrifice and meat-offering thou wouldest not: but mine ears hast thou opened.

⁹ Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required: then said I, Lo, I come,

¹⁰ In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God: I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart.

¹¹ I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

¹² I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart: my talk hath been of thy truth and of thy salvation.

¹³ I have not kept back thy loving mercy and truth: from the great congregation.

¹⁴ Withdraw not thou thy mercy from me, O Lord: let thy loving-kindness and thy truth always preserve me.

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.

Chants *William Crotch (1775–1874); Timothy Brown*

All sit

Reading

John 3: 22–30

Here begins the 22nd verse of the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to John.

²² After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptised. ²³ Now John also was baptising at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were coming and being baptised. ²⁴ (This was before John was put in prison.) ²⁵ An argument developed between some of John's disciples and a certain Jew over the matter of ceremonial washing. ²⁶ They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, that man who was with you on the other side of the Jordan – the one you testified about – look, he is baptising, and everyone is going to him.'

²⁷ To this John replied, 'A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves can testify that I said, "I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him." ²⁹ The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. ³⁰ He must become greater; I must become less.'

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.
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 *William Denis Browne (1888–1915, Clare 1911), in A*

All sit

Reading John 3: 31–36

Here begins the 31st verse of the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to John.

³¹ The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all. ³² He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. ³³ Whoever has accepted it has certified that God is truthful. ³⁴ For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit. ³⁵ The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. ³⁶ Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

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 *William Denis Browne*

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.

All kneel or sit

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 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:

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; 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 *William Smith*

All sit

Anthem

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he!
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he!*

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
But they would not dance, and they wouldn't follow me,
I danced for fishermen, for James and John,
They came with me and the Dance went on.

Dance, then, ...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

Dance, then, ...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the Dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the Life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
Dance, then, ...

Words *Sydney Carter (1915–2004)*
Music *Sydney Carter, arr. Stephen Jackson (1951–, Clare 1970)*

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 362 Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.

Words *John Newton (1725–1807)*
Music *Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)*

All sit

Sermon The Revd Niv Lobo (Clare 2009)
Freedom when competition gets toxic

‘It is not true, as is sometimes said, that man cannot organise the world without God. What is true is that, without God, he can ultimately only organise it against man. Exclusive humanism is inhuman humanism.’
Henri De Lubac, *The Drama of Atheist Humanism*, 1943.

All stand

Hymn 413 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words *Martin Rinkart (1586–1649)*

Translation *Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)*

Music *Nun danket, J. Crüger’s Praxis Pietatis Melica (c. 1647)*

Harmony *Mendelssohn–Bartholdy’s Lobgesang (1840)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Toccata Giocosa, Op. 36, No. 2*

Music *William Mathias (1934–92)*

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.

Drinks follow the service in the ante-Chapel, to which all are warmly welcome.

Supper (served with wine) follows in the Buttery at 7.30pm, for those who would like to stay. Payment for supper can be made by card at the Buttery till (£6 for Clare students, £13.80 for guests).

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 8 th	There is no service in Chapel today. 7.30 p.m. Reading Group (£3, with wine and cheese)
Thursday 10 th	6.15 p.m. Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Friday 11 th	6.00 p.m. Dido and Aeneas (in Chapel)
Saturday 12 th	9.00 p.m. Dido and Aeneas (in Chapel)
Sunday 13 th	10.45 a.m. Service for Remembrance Sunday, <i>followed by lunch.</i>

Please note that the use of cameras, recording equipment, video cameras and mobile phones is not permitted in Chapel.