

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



# Choral Evensong

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26 February 2023

6.00 p.m.

Voluntary      *Sanctus* from *Orbis Factor*

*Dobrinka Tabakova (1980–)*

*All stand as the choir and clergy enter*

*The Introit is sung*

Introit      A Litany

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beautiful feet,  
Which brought from Heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercy to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep flood  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

Words *Phineas Fletcher (1582–1650)*

Music *William Walton (1902–83)*

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 *Kerensa Briggs (1991–)*

*All sit*

Psalm 119

vv. 1–16

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the  
Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies: and seek him with their whole  
heart.

For they who do no wickedness: walk in his ways.

Thou hast charged: that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep thy statutes!

So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all thy  
commandments.

I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the  
judgements of thy righteousness.

I will keep thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord: O teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgements of thy mouth. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

I will talk of thy commandments: and have respect unto thy ways. My delight shall be in thy statutes: and I will not forget thy word.

*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.

Music *Ivor Atkins (1897–1950)*

Reading

Genesis 32: 22–30

Here begins the 22<sup>nd</sup> verse of the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the book of Genesis.

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.'

But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'

The man asked him, 'What is your name?'

'Jacob,' he answered.

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.'

<sup>29</sup> Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.'

But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.'

Here ends the first reading.

*All stand as the Choir stands*

Magnificat

*(sung by the Choir)*

Magnificat anima mea Dominum,

*My soul doth magnify the Lord:*

Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.

*and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae.

*For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.*

Ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

*For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.*

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.*

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est, et sanctum nomen eius.

*And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.*

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo;

*He hath showed strength with his arm:*

dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

*he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles.

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

Esurientes implevit bonis, et divites dimisit inanes.

*He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, recordatus misericordiae suae:

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:*

Sic ut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.

*as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.*

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto;

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

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

Words *Luke 1: 46–55*

Music *Héloïse Werner (Clare 2021)\**

*\*This Magnificat was commissioned by Graham Ross and the Choir as part of the Clare's 50 Years of Co-Education celebrations and receives its first performance today*

*All sit*

Reading

1 Corinthians 9: 19–23

Here begins the 19<sup>th</sup> verse of the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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 *Anna Semple (1997–)\*\**

*\*\* This Nunc Dimittis was commissioned by Choir & Organ and premiered by Graham Ross and the Choir in 2020*

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

I believe  
**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.

*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 Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honour and glory; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Lent:

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third 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 Fourth 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 *Kerensa Briggs*

### *All sit* Anthem

Praise

I lifted mine eyes to heaven and blessed the most high;  
for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

Words *Daniel 4: 34*  
Music *Dobrinka Tabakova (1980–)*

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 62                Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,  
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:  
I crucified thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.

Words    *J. Heermann (1585–1647)*, trans. *Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

Music    *Herzliebster Jesu, J. Crüger (1598–1662)*

*All sit*

Sermon                Dr Eve Poole OBE

*All stand*

Hymn 75                O thou, who dost accord us  
The highest prize and guerdon,  
Thou hope of all our race,  
Jesu, do thou afford us  
The gift we ask of pardon  
For all who humbly seek thy face.

With whispered accusation  
Our conscience tells of sinning  
In thought and word and deed;  
Thine is the restoration,  
The work of grace beginning  
For souls from every burden freed.

For who, if thou reject us,  
Shall raise the fainting spirit?  
'Tis thine alone to spare:  
That thou to life elect us  
Through our Redeemer's merit,  
Shall be thy people's lowly prayer.

O Trinity most glorious,  
Thy pardon free bestowing,  
Defend us evermore;  
That in thy courts victorious,  
Thy love more truly knowing,  
We may with all thy saints adore.

Words Latin, trans. J. W. Hewett (1824–86)  
Music Innsbruck, H. Isaac (c. 1450–1527)

### The Blessing

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel*

Voluntary      *Patterns: 4. Very Fast Music*

*Nico Mubly (1981–)*

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

*This term's Chapel collections are for Bede House, a local community charity in Bermondsey, south London, with which Clare has long-standing links. Bede House's work focuses on four key services: learning disabilities, youth work, domestic violence, and community engagement. You can find out more at [bedehouse.org.uk](http://bedehouse.org.uk). Bede is a community charity which breaks down social barriers and brings people together to achieve their ambitions. Bede runs a friendly café and community centre in the middle of the Abbeyfield estate in Bermondsey, and its specialist teams also provide person-centred, empowering support for survivors of domestic abuse and their families, and for local people with learning disabilities. For further information about Bede's work, and ways you can get involved, please visit [www.bedehouse.org](http://www.bedehouse.org) or email [admin@bedehouse.org](mailto:admin@bedehouse.org).*

*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 28<sup>th</sup> February      *The Choir sings a joint Choral Evensong with the Choir of St John's College, Cambridge in their Chapel this evening, so there is no service in Clare tonight.*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March      *There is no Choral Evensong in Chapel today.*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March      10.00 a.m.      Holy Communion (in Chapel) *followed by breakfast*  
5.25 p.m.      Voices and Strings Recital (in Chapel)  
6.00 p.m.      Choral Evensong with Strings (in Chapel)  
*Guest speaker: The Rt Rev'd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani*

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