

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14 May 2023

6.00 p.m.

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit

Memor esto verbi tui servo tuo, in quo mihi spem dedisti.

Think upon thy servant, as concerning thy word: wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

Haec me consolata est in humilitate mea: quia eloquium tuum vivificavit me.

The same is my comfort in my trouble: for thy word hath quickened me.

Superbi inique agebant usquequaque; a lege autem tua non declinavi.

The proud have had me exceedingly in derision: yet have I not shrunked from thy law.

Memor fui judiciorum tuorum a saeculo, Domine, et consolatus sum.

For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord: and received comfort.

Words *Psalm 119: 49–52*

Music *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–94)*

Welcome

The Dean

Hymn 431

O Thou who camest from above,
The pure celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source return
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
To work, and speak, and think for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me.

Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love repeat,
Till death thy endless mercies seal,
And make my sacrifice complete.

Words *Charles Wesley (1707–88)*

Music Hereford, *Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–76)*

All sit

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 *Paul Spicer (1952–)*

Psalm 36

My heart sheweth me the wickedness of the ungodly: that there is no fear of
God before his eyes.

For he flattereth himself in his own sight: until his abominable sin be found
out.

The words of his mouth are unrighteous, and full of deceit: he hath left off to
behave himself wisely, and to do good.

He imagineth mischief upon his bed, and hath set himself in no good way:
neither doth he abhor any thing that is evil.

Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens: and thy faithfulness unto the
clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: thy judgements are like
the great deep.

Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O
God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy
wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house: and thou shalt give
them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee: and thy
righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

O let not the foot of pride come against me: and let not the hand of the
ungodly cast me down.

There are they fallen, all that work wickedness: they are cast down, and shall
not be able to stand.

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 *Herbert Howells (1892–2983)*

Here begins the 33rd verse of the 119th Psalm.

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Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

35 Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

36 Turn my heart towards your statutes
and not towards selfish gain.

37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

38 Fulfil your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.

39 Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

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41 May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,
your salvation, according to your promise;

42 then I can answer anyone who taunts me,
for I trust in your word.

43 Never take your word of truth from my mouth,
for I have put my hope in your laws.

44 I will always obey your law,
for ever and ever.

45 I will walk about in freedom,
for I have sought out your precepts.

46 I will speak of your statutes before kings
and will not be put to shame,

47 for I delight in your commands
because I love them.

48 I reach out for your commands, which I love,
that I may meditate on your decrees.

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 Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense, *Kenneth Leighton (1929–88)*

All sit

Reading

Psalm 119: 49–64

Here begins the 49th verse of the 119th Psalm.

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Remember your word to your servant,
for you have given me hope.

⁵⁰ My comfort in my suffering is this:
your promise preserves my life.

⁵¹ The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.

⁵² I remember, Lord, your ancient laws,
and I find comfort in them.

⁵³ Indignation grips me because of the wicked,
who have forsaken your law.

⁵⁴ Your decrees are the theme of my song
wherever I lodge.

⁵⁵ In the night, Lord, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.

⁵⁶ This has been my practice:
I obey your precepts.

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⁵⁷ You are my portion, Lord;
I have promised to obey your words.

⁵⁸ I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹ I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.

⁶⁰ I will hasten and not delay
to obey your commands.

⁶¹ Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.
⁶² At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.
⁶³ I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.
⁶⁴ The earth is filled with your love, Lord;
teach me your decrees.

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 Magdalenae Oxoniense, *Kenneth Leighton*

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, 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 *Paul Spicer*

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

Anthem

Memor esto verbi tui servo tuo
Remember your word to your servant
in quo mihi spem dedisti.
by which you have given me hope.
Haec me consolata est in humilitate mea
This has comforted me in my humiliation
quia eloquium tuum vivificavit me.
because your word has enlivened me.
Superbi inique agebant usquequaque,
The proud acted iniquitously altogether,
a lege autem tua non declinavi.
but I did not depart from your law.
Memor fui iudiciorum tuorum a saeculo Domine,
I remembered, O Lord, your judgements of old,
et consiliatus sum.
and I was comforted.
Defectio tenuit me pro peccatoribus
Fainting has taken hold of me
derelinquentibus legem tuam.
because of the sinners that forsake your law.
Cantabiles mihi erant iustificationes tuae
Your justifications were the subject of my song
in loco peregrinationis meae.
in the place of my pilgrimage.
Memor fui nocte nominis tui Domine,
In the night I remembered your name, O Lord,
et custodivi legem tuam.
and have kept your law.
Haec facta est mihi
This happened to me
quia iustificationes tuas exquisivi.
because I sought after your justifications.
Amen.
Amen.

Words *Psalm 119: 49–56*
Music *William Mundy (c. 1529–91)*

Sermon

Professor Jane Williams (Clare 1975)

All stand

Hymn 427

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word,
Ye angels of light;
Ye heavens adore him
By whom you were made,
And worship before him,
In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him on the earth,
In tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth;
Praise him who has brought you
His grace from above,
Praise him who has taught you
To sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be out-poured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Words *H. W. Barker (1821–77)*

Music *Laudate Dominum, C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary

*Paraphrases Grégoriennes:
iii. Hymne d'Action de Grâces 'Te Deum'*

Jean Langlais (1907–91)

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

Chapel Collections at Sunday services in Easter Term are in aid of Aspire, part of a local charity Romsey Mill. Aspire runs youth clubs and support for autistic children and young people. Their clubs reduce social isolation and improve the lives and mental well-being of those who attend. The Aspire team currently work with around 140 young people around Cambridge and Cambridgeshire, both in groups and in settings of 1: 1 mentoring. You can find out more at www.romseymill.org

Drinks follow the service in Scholars' Garden (ante-Chapel if wet), 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 16 th	6:15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Thursday 18 th	8.45 a.m.	Morning Anthem for Ascension Day (sung in Clare College Old Court)
	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Sunday 21 st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (<i>Joint service with Trinity Hall in Trinity Hall Chapel</i>) followed by breakfast at Trinity Hall
	6.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)

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