

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Evensong

Sunday After Ascension Day

Sunday 21 May 2023
6.00 p.m.

All stand as the choir and clergy enter

The Introit is sung

Introit O clap your hands, all ye people:
 shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
For the Lord most high is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth.
God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises to our King; sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises, every one that hath
 understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

Words *Psalm 47*
Music *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

Welcome The Dean

Hymn 130 Hail the day that sees him rise; Alleluya!
 Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
 Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!
 Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!

 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!,
 Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
 Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!
 Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

 Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
 Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
 Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
 Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!

 There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!
 Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!
 There thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!
 Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!

Words *Charles Wesley (1707–88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823)*
Music *Llanfair, Robert Williams of Anglesey (1781–1821)*

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 *Kenneth Leighton (1929–88)*

Psalm 61

Hear my crying, O God: give ear unto my prayer.
From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee: when my heart is in heaviness.
O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I: for thou hast been my hope,
and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: and my trust shall be under the covering
of thy wings.
For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires: and hast given an heritage unto those
that fear thy Name.
Thou shalt grant the King a long life: that his years may endure throughout all
generations.
He shall dwell before God for ever: O prepare thy loving mercy and
faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
So will I always sing praise unto thy Name: that I may daily perform my vows.
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 *Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)*

Reading

Psalm 119: 65–80

Here begins the 65th verse of the 119th Psalm.

‡ Teth

Do good to your servant
according to your word, Lord.
⁶⁶ Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.
⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.
⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.
⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.
⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.

⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.
⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

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⁷³ Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands.
⁷⁴ May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,
for I have put my hope in your word.
⁷⁵ I know, Lord, that your laws are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
⁷⁶ May your unfailing love be my comfort,
according to your promise to your servant.
⁷⁷ Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.
⁷⁸ May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause;
but I will meditate on your precepts.
⁷⁹ May those who fear you turn to me,
those who understand your statutes.
⁸⁰ May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,
that I may not be put to shame.

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 Short Service, *Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)*

All sit

Reading

Psalm 119: 81–96

Here begins the 81st verse of the 119th Psalm.

כ Kaph

My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.

⁸² My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, ‘When will you comfort me?’

⁸³ Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.

⁸⁴ How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?

⁸⁵ The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.

⁸⁶ All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.

⁸⁷ They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.

⁸⁸ In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

ל Lamedh

⁸⁹ Your word, Lord, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.

⁹⁰ Your faithfulness continues through all generations;
you established the earth, and it endures.

⁹¹ Your laws endure to this day,
for all things serve you.

⁹² If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

⁹³ I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have preserved my life.

⁹⁴ Save me, for I am yours;
I have sought out your precepts.

⁹⁵ The wicked are waiting to destroy me,
but I will ponder your statutes.

⁹⁶ To all perfection I see a limit,
but your commands are boundless.

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 Short Service, *Orlando Gibbons*

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.

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:

O God the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. 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 *Kenneth Leighton*

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.**

Anthem

Rejoice in God, O ye Tongues;
Give the glory to the Lord,
And the Lamb.
Nations, and languages,
And every Creature
In which is the breath of Life.
Let man and beast appear before him,
And magnify his name together.

Let Nimrod, the mighty hunter,
Bind a leopard to the altar
And consecrate his spear to the Lord.

Let Ishmail dedicate a tyger,
And give praise for the liberty
In which the Lord has let him at large.

Let Balaam appear with an ass,
And bless the Lord his people
And his creatures for a reward eternal.

Let Daniel come forth with a lion,
And praise God with all his might
Through faith in Christ Jesus.

Let Ithamar minister with a chamois,
And bless the name of Him
That cloatheth the naked.

Let Jakim with the satyr
Bless God in the dance,
Dance, dance, dance.

Let David bless with the bear
The beginning of victory to the Lord,
To the Lord the perfection of excellence.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah from the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

For I will consider my cat Jeoffry.
For he is the servant of the living God.
Duly and daily serving him.

For at the first glance
Of the glory of God in the East
He worships in his way.

For this is done by wreathing his body
Seven times round with elegant quickness.
For he knows that God is his saviour.
For God has blessed him
In the variety of his movements.
For there is nothing sweeter
Than his peace when at rest.
For I am possessed of a cat,
Surpassing in beauty,
From whom I take occasion
To bless Almighty God.

For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For—this is a true case—
Cat takes female mouse,
Male mouse will not depart,
But stands threat'ning and daring.
If you will let her go,
I will engage you,
As prodigious a creature as you are.
For the Mouse is a creature
Of great personal valour.
For the Mouse is of
An hospitable disposition.

For the flowers are great blessings.
For the flowers have their angels,
Even the words of God's creation.
For the flower glorifies God
And the root parries the adversary.
For there is a language of flowers.
For the flowers are peculiarly
The poetry of Christ.

For I am under the same accusation
With my Savior,
For they said,
He is besides himself.
For the officers of the peace
Are at variance with me,
And the watchman smites me
With his staff.

For Silly Fellow, Silly Fellow,
Is against me,
And belongeth neither to me
Nor to my family.
For I am in twelve hardships,
But he that was born of a virgin
Shall deliver me out of all.

For H is a spirit
And therefore he is God.
For K is king
And therefore he is God.
For L is love
And therefore he is God.
For M is musick
And therefore he is God.

For the instruments are by their rhimes,
For the shawm rhimes are lawn fawn moon boon and the like.
For the harp rhimes are sing ring string and the like.
For the cymbal rhimes are bell well toll soul and the like.
For the flute rhimes are tooth youth suit mute and the like.
For the bassoon rhimes are pass class and the like.
For the dulcimer rhimes are grace place beat heat and the like.
For the clarinet rhimes are clean seen and the like.
For the trumpet rhimes are sound bound soar more and the like.

For the trumpet of God is a blessed intelligence
And so are all the instruments in Heav'n.
For God the Father Almighty plays upon the harp
Of stupendous magnitude and melody.
For at that time malignity ceases
And the devils themselves are at peace.
For this time is perceptible to man
By a remarkable stillness and serenity of soul.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Hallelujah from the heart of God,
And from the hand of the artist inimitable,
And from the echo of the heavenly harp
In sweetness magnificent and mighty.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Words from '*Jubilate Agno*' by *Christopher Smart* (1722–71)
Music *Benjamin Britten* (1913–76)

Sermon Sister Ann Swailes OP (Clare 2016)

All stand

Hymn 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

Words *Thomas Kelly (1769–1854)*

Music *St Magnus, Jeremiah Clarke (1673–1707)*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the choir and clergy leave the chapel

Voluntary *Six Pieces for Organ:
vi. Paean*

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

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 23 rd	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Thursday 25 th	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Sunday 28 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (in Chapel) <i>followed by breakfast</i>
	6.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)

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

The Revd Dr Mark Smith *Dean*
Miss Hannah Fytche *Decani Scholar*

Mr Graham Ross *Director of Music*
Samuel Jones *Sir William McKie Senior Organ Scholar*
Daniel Blaze *Junior Organ Scholar*