

CLARE COLLEGE CHAPEL



Choral Service
for
Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 12 November 2023
10.45 a.m.

All stand at the entry of the choir and clergy

Welcome The Dean

All sit

Psalm 46

God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

³ Though the waters thereof rage and swell: and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

⁴ The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God: the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.

⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed: God shall help her, and that right early.

⁶ The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord: what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

⁹ He maketh wars to cease in all the world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still then, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 adapted from *Martin Luther (1483–1546)*

All sit

Reading

Judges 7: 2-22

Here begins the second verse of the 7th chapter of the Book of Judges.

The Lord said to Gideon, ‘You have too many men. I cannot deliver Midian into their hands, or Israel would boast against me, “My own strength has saved me.”’ ³ Now announce to the army, “Anyone who trembles with fear may turn back and leave Mount Gilead.”’ So twenty-two thousand men left, while ten thousand remained.

⁴ But the Lord said to Gideon, “There are still too many men. Take them down to the water, and I will thin them out for you there. If I say, “This one shall go with you,” he shall go; but if I say, “This one shall not go with you,” he shall not go.’

⁵ So Gideon took the men down to the water. There the Lord told him, ‘Separate those who lap the water with their tongues as a dog laps from those who kneel down to drink.’ ⁶ Three hundred of them drank from cupped hands, lapping like dogs. All the rest got down on their knees to drink.

⁷ The Lord said to Gideon, ‘With the three hundred men that lapped I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.’ ⁸ So Gideon sent the rest of the Israelites home but kept the three hundred, who took over the provisions and trumpets of the others.

Now the camp of Midian lay below him in the valley. ⁹ During that night the Lord said to Gideon, ‘Get up, go down against the camp, because I am going to give it into your hands. ¹⁰ If you are afraid to attack, go down to the camp with your servant Purah ¹¹ and listen to what they are saying. Afterwards, you will be encouraged to attack the camp.’ So he and Purah his servant went down to the outposts of the camp. ¹² The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the other eastern peoples had settled in the valley, thick as locusts. Their camels could no more be counted than the sand on the seashore.

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. ‘I had a dream,’ he was saying. ‘A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed.’

¹⁴ His friend responded, ‘This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands.’

¹⁵ When Gideon heard the dream and its interpretation, he bowed down and worshipped. He returned to the camp of Israel and called out, ‘Get up! The Lord has given the Midianite camp into your hands.’ ¹⁶ Dividing the three hundred men into three companies, he placed trumpets and empty jars in the hands of all of them, with torches inside.

¹⁷ ‘Watch me,’ he told them. ‘Follow my lead. When I get to the edge of the camp, do exactly as I do. ¹⁸ When I and all who are with me blow our trumpets, then from all round the camp blow yours and shout, “For the Lord and for Gideon.”’

¹⁹ Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands. ²⁰ The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, ‘A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!’ ²¹ While each man held his position round the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.

²² When the three hundred trumpets sounded, the Lord caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords. The army fled to Beth Shittah towards Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

Here ends the first reading.

All stand

During the hymn, the Procession moves to the War Memorial. Members of the congregation are welcome to follow the procession towards the Ante-Chapel

Hymn 334 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words *William Kethe (d. 1594)*

Music *Old Hundredth, from Genevan Psalter, 1551*

Act of Remembrance

Dean Here, in the presence of God, we remember all those staff, students and Fellows of Clare College who gave their lives in the two world wars, and in subsequent conflicts, and we commit them to God's tender mercy and his loving care.

On behalf of the College community, a candle is lit at the War Memorial

The beginning of the Two-minute Silence is marked by The Last Post

Silence is kept

The completion of the Silence is signalled by Reveille

The Kohima Epitaph is read:

When you go home tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

The Choir sings

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Words *Laurence Binyon (1869–1943)*

Music *Douglas Guest (1916–96)*

Dean Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence.
May that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

As the Procession returns into Chapel, organ music will be played

All remain standing

Act of Commitment

Dean Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all people: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.**

All sit
Reading

John 15: 9–17

Here begins the 9th verse of the 15th chapter of the Gospel according to John.

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

Here ends the second reading.

Anthem How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle, O Jonathan.
Thou wast slain in thy high places.
O Jonathan, woe is me for thee,
O Jonathan, my brother, very kind hast thou been to me.
Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war destroyed.

Words *2 Samuel 1: 25–27*
Music *Robert Ramsey (1595–1644)*

Address Loretta Minghella OBE
Finding God in Conflict

Te Deum We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
 All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
 To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
 To thee Cherubim and Seraphim: continually do cry,
 Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
 The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
 The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
 The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge thee;
 The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
 Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
 Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
 Thou art the King of glory: O Christ.
 Thou art the everlasting: Son of the Father.
 When thou tookest upon thee to deliver Man: thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
 When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst open the kingdom of
 heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
 We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious
 blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.
 O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
 Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
 Day by day: we magnify thee;
 And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
 Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
 O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
 O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
 O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Words *Book of Common Prayer*
 Music *Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of each petition, the congregation responds

All Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers end with the Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father,**
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

All stand

Hymn 417

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Words *Isaac Watts (1674–1748)*

Music *St Anne, William Croft (1678–1727)*

Blessing The Dean

All remain standing for the National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
 God save The King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
 God save The King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
 Long may he reign:
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
 God save The King!

Words Verse 1 and 2 *Anonymous*

Music *Thomas Arne (1710–78), arr. Gordon Jacob (1895–1984)*

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

The congregation is warmly invited to drinks in the River Room Café, followed by lunch in the Great Hall (paid for at the Buttery till— £7 Clare students, £16.15 guests).

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

SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS TERM:

Tuesday 14 th	There is no service in Chapel today	
Thursday 16 th	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Sunday 19 th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (in Chapel, followed by breakfast)
	5.15 p.m.	Vocal Recital (in Chapel)
	6.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel), with guest speaker The Rev'd Dr Philip Stewart
Tuesday 21 st	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Wednesday 22 nd	10.00 p.m.	Choral Compline (in Chapel)
Thursday 23 rd	6.15 p.m.	Choral Evensong (in Chapel)
Sunday 26 th	11.00 a.m.	Choral Eucharist, with string quartet (in Chapel)
Tuesday 28 th	6.00 p.m.	First Advent Carol Service (in Chapel), admission by ticket only
Wednesday 29 th	5.00 p.m.	Staff Carols (in the River Room Café)
Thursday 30 th	6.00 p.m.	Second Advent Carol Service (in Chapel), admission by ticket only

Choral services resume on Thursday 18th January 2024 at 6.15 p.m.