

Corpus Christi College Chapel

Choral Evensong

16 May 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension



Preces and Responses: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

Setting: Magnificat Tone VIII; Nunc dimittis à 5 - Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Anthem: God be in my head - Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Tierce en Taille

Pierre du Mage (1674-1751)

All are welcomed to the service and announcements are given.

OPENING SENTENCE

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.

Psalm 122.1

THE INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

THE GENERAL CONFESSION *said by all:*

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PRECES *are sung by the Choir:*

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM 1 *is sung by the Choir.*

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners *

and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord *

and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water-side *

that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither *

and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them *

but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement *

neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous *

and the way of the ungodly shall perish.

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 36.24-28

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

THE OFFICE HYMN *is sung by the choir.*

Eternal Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.

Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
That flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.

Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.

THE MAGNIFICAT (Luke 1.46-55) *is 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 hand-maiden.
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 shewed 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.

THE SECOND LESSON John 17.6-19

[Jesus said:] 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.'

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Luke 2.29-32) *is 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *is sung by the Choir.*

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 RESPONSES *are sung by the Choir.*

Cantor The Lord be with you
Choir And with thy spirit
Cantor Let us pray

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us
Choir Christ, have mercy upon us
Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done; in 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. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor O Lord, save the Queen;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT *for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.*

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 Spirit to comfort us and exalt us unto the place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

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.

THE ANTHEM *is sung by the Choir.*

God be in my head,
And in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes,
And in my looking;
God be in my mouth,
And in my speaking;
God be in my heart,
And in my thinking;
God be at mine end,
And at my departing.

Words: Sarum Primer, 1558
Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

SERMON The Revd Stephen McCarthy, Chapel Homilist

HYMN

Rejoice, the Lord is King! your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the saviour, reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven,
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
God's trumpet call shall sound, rejoice!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
Music: *Gospal* - G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE BLESSING *is given by the Chaplain.*

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing ...
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on a melody by Melchior Vulpius

Healey Willan (1880-1968)