Corpus Christi College Chapel
Choral Evensong
30 May 2021
Trinity Sunday

Preces and Responses: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)
Setting: Short Service - Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)
Anthem: Te Deum in B flat - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

All are welcomed to the service and announcements are given.

HYMN 202

OPENING SENTENCE
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty;
Who was, who is, and is to come.

Revelation 4.8

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
Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the Lord *
ascribe unto the Lord worship and strength.
Give the Lord the honour due unto his Name *
worship the Lord with holy worship.
It is the Lord, that commandeth the waters *
it is the glorious God, that maketh the thunder.
It is the Lord, that ruleth the sea; the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation *
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedar-trees *
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Libanus.
He maketh them also to skip like a calf *
Libanus also, and Sirion, like a young unicorn.
The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness *
yea, the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Cades.
The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and discovereth the thick bushes *
in his temple doth every man speak of his honour.
The Lord sitteth above the water-flood *
and the Lord remaineth a King for ever.
The Lord shall give strength unto his people *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’
The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: ‘Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I; send me!’

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 3.1-17
Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of  the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and
said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do
these signs that you do apart from the presence of  God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘V ery truly , I tell you,
no one can see the kingdom of  God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How
can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb
and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘V ery truly , I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of  God without
being born of  water and Spirit. What is born of  the flesh is flesh, and what is born of  the Spirit is
spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows
where it chooses, and you hear the sound of  it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it
goes. So it is with everyone who is born of  the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things
be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of  Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
V ery truly , I tell you, we speak of  what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not
receive our testimony. If  I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you
believe if  I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who
descended from heaven, the Son of  Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness,
so must the Son of  Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not
perish but may have eternal life.
‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world
might be saved through him.

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.
THE COLLECT for Trinity Sunday.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of the divine majesty, to worship the Unity: we beseech thee that thou wouldst keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; who livest and reignest, 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.

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.

Te Deum Laudamus, Latin hymn
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

SERMON Professor Helen King, Chapel Homilist

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN 203

THE BLESSING is given by the Chaplain.

God the Holy Trinity, make you strong, defend you on every side, and lead you into all peace; and the blessing …. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY
Postlude on an old Irish church melody Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)
No. 5 of Six Short Preludes and Postludes, Op. 101, Set 1