

# SOLEMN EVENSONG

*with the Valediction of Choristers*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
4.00pm

Order of Service



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At this afternoon's service, we say thank you and bid farewell to those Choristers who have completed their choirsterships and have left during or are leaving at the end of the current academic year:

Alex Bird (*Dean's Scholar*) • Austin Dobson (*Canon's Scholar*) • Gwennan Hughes (*Dean's Scholar*)  
Velerie Ademu • Molly Daniel • Alex Webb

Sophia Golubchikova (probationer)



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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§ Please stand as the Procession enters. The cantor and choir sing:

## *The Preces*

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: Humphrey Clucas (b.1941)

§ *Please sit as the choir sings the psalmody appointed for the evening:*

Thou O God art praised in Zion:  
thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall men perform their vows.

To thee shall all flesh come to confess their sins:  
when our misdeeds prevail against us, in thy mercy do thou blot them out.

Blessèd is the man whom thou choolest and receivest unto thee:  
he shall dwell in thy courts.

May we be filled with the pleasures of thy house:  
even of thy holy temple.

With terrible deeds hast thou answered us for our deliverance,  
O God of our salvation:  
thou art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the isles that are far away.

Who in thy strength settest fast the mountains:  
and art girded about with power.

Who stillest the raging of the seas and the noise of their waves:  
and the tumult of the peoples.

They that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth are afraid at thy wonders:  
thou that makest the morning and the evening to come forth with shouts of joy.

Thou visitest the earth and waterest it:  
thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water:  
thou hast prepared their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest the land, pressing down its furrows:  
making it soft with the drops of rain and blessing the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness:  
and thy paths overflow with plenty.

The fields of the wilderness are rich in pasture:  
and the hills are girded about with joy;

The mountains clothe themselves with flocks of sheep:  
the valleys all stand thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

Psalm 65

George M. Garrett (1834-97)

§ *Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen.

## *The First Lesson*

The first reading is taken from the twenty-ninth chapter of the Book of the Genesis, beginning at the first verse;

Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. As he looked, he saw a well in the field and three flocks of sheep lying there beside it; for out of that well the flocks were watered. The stone on the well's mouth was large, and when all the flocks were gathered there, the shepherds would roll the stone from the mouth of the well, and water the sheep, and put the stone back in its place on the mouth of the well.

Jacob said to them, 'My brothers, where do you come from?' They said, 'We are from Haran.' He said to them, 'Do you know Laban son of Nahor?' They said, 'We do.' He said to them, 'Is it well with him?' 'Yes,' they replied, 'and here is his daughter Rachel, coming with the sheep.' He said, 'Look, it is still broad daylight; it is not time for the animals to be gathered together. Water the sheep, and go, pasture them.' But they said, 'We cannot until all the flocks are gathered together, and the stone is rolled from the mouth of the well; then we water the sheep.'

While he was still speaking with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. Now when Jacob saw Rachel, the daughter of his mother's brother Laban, and the sheep of his mother's brother Laban, Jacob went up and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of his mother's brother Laban. Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and wept aloud. And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's kinsman, and that he was Rebekah's son; and she ran and told her father.

When Laban heard the news about his sister's son Jacob, he ran to meet him; he embraced him and kissed him, and brought him to his house. Jacob told Laban all these things, and Laban said to him, 'Surely you are my bone and my flesh!' And he stayed with him for a month.

Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

*Genesis 29. 1-20*

Here ends the First Reading.

§ *Please stand:*

*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

Music: Evening Service in D  
George Dyson (1883-1964)

## *The Second Lesson*

*Reader* The second reading is taken from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St Mark, beginning at the seventh verse;

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Mark 6. 7-29*

Here ends the Second Lesson.



§ *Please stand.*

*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 peoples.

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

*The Apostles' Creed*

§ *Please remain standing and face the High Altar:*

*All* 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 Spirit,  
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 is seated at 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 Spirit;  
the Holy Catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

*The Lord be with you:  
And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*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. Amen.*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
And grant us thy salvation.*

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.*

*O Lord, save the King;  
And give his counsellors wisdom.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
And evermore mightily defend us.*

*Make clean our hearts, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within us.*

*Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and,  
because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy  
help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Almighty 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 our  
hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from  
the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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.*

## *Anthem*

*Choir* Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. God hath made Himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo! the kings assembled themselves, they passed by together; they saw, then were they amazed; they were dismay'd, they hasted away; trembling took hold of them there, pain as of a woman in travail, as with the east wind that breaketh the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.

We have thought on thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple: as is thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let mount Zion be glad, because of Thy judgements, let the daughters of Judah rejoice; walk about Zion and go round about her, tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

Words: Psalm 48. 1-12

Music: Edward Elgar (1857-1934)  
Op. 67

Written for the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Society

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

# Valediction of Choristers

§ *The Director of Music presents those leaving the choir to the Dean and Canon Precentor, saying:*

Dean Jason, Canon Ian, I present to you Alex Bird, Austin Dobson, Gwennan Hughes, Valerie Ademu, Molly Daniel, and Alex Webb, who have reached the end of their time as choristers in the Cathedral choir. We thank them for their faithfulness to duty and for their musical skills which have enhanced our worship in this place.

§ *The Canon Precentor then addresses the departing choristers:*

Alex, Austin, Gwennan, Valerie, Molly, Alex, we thank you for your hard work and commitment to the choir of this Cathedral church and hope that you will look back on your time singing here with happiness and pride.

§ *The Canon Precentor prays:*

Go before your servants, O Lord, in all their doings with your most gracious favour, and further them with your continual help; that in all their works, begun, continued, and ended in you, they may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

§ *The Director of Music makes a small presentation to each of the choristers. The Dean then says the following prayer:*

Jesus Christ, the same, yesterday, today and for ever, the beginning and the end, preserve you in your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

All **Amen.**

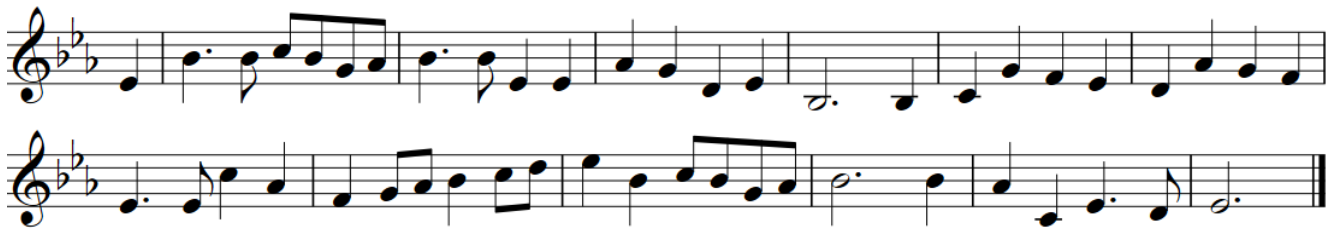
## Prayers Of Intercession

§ The prayers 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.**

## The Offertory Hymn

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no care could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-53)

Music: SLANE  
Traditional Irish Melody  
Harmonised by Erik Routley (1917-82)

§ *Please remain standing.*

## *The Blessing*

The peace of God which is beyond all understanding  
guard your hearts in the knowledge and love of God and  
of his Son Jesus Christ;

✠ And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.

*All* **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog,  
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a  
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda  
chwi yn wastad.

**Amen.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

The Lord be with you:  
*And with your spirit.*

Let us bless the Lord:  
*Thanks be to God.*

Music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

§ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

## *The Closing Voluntary*

Toccata from Symphonie V Op.42  
Charles Marie Widor (1844-1937)

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship. Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*





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