

# LIVERPOOL PARISH CHURCH

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## Choral Evensong

**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**7 August 2022**

**6.00pm**



*Orlando  
Gibbons*



*Charles Hubert  
Hastings Parry*

*Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to take part as they feel called. This evening we celebrate Evensong, which combines the ancient monastic services of Vespers and Compline (evening and night prayer), and has been sung in Cathedrals and Parish Churches all over the country since the sixteenth century.*



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*Organ: Psalm Prelude Set 2 no. 1—Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*  
*Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.*  
*(Psalm 130 v1)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:*  
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Words: Collect for the third Sunday of Epiphany*  
*Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

Priest: Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

**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, which 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.**

Priest: May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you ✠ pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The preces and responses are sung to the setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-86)*

Cantor     O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir       And our mouth shall shew 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.

*Office hymn:*

**God, that madest earth and heaven,  
Darkness and light;  
Who the day for toil hast given,  
For rest the night;  
May thine angel-guards defend us,  
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,  
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,  
This livelong night.**

**Guard us waking, guard us sleeping;  
And, when we die,  
May we in thy mighty keeping  
All peaceful lie:  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Do not thou our God forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us  
With thee on high.**

*Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) and Richard Whately (1787-1863)*

*Music: Welsh traditional melody harmonised Compilers of English Hymnal (1906)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 108:*

1. O God, my heart is ready, my heart is ready \* I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
2. Awake, thou lute, and harp \* I myself will awake right early.
3. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people \* I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4. For thy mercy is greater than the heavens \* and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens \* and thy glory above all the earth.
6. That thy beloved may be delivered \* let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
7. God hath spoken in his holiness \* I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine \* Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
9. Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot \* over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.
10. Who will lead me into the strong city \* and who will bring me into Edom?
11. Hast not thou forsaken us, O God \* and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12. O help us against the enemy \* for vain is the help of man.
13. Through God we shall do great acts \* and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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.

### **Old Testament Reading (Isaiah 11.10-12.end)**

*The choir sings the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)*

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 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.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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: 'Short' Evening Service—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

### **New Testament Reading** (2 Corinthians 1.1-22)

*The choir sings Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)*

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.

*[we stand for the Gloria Patri]*

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: Short' Evening Service—Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*Please remain standing to say the Apostles' Creed:*

**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 Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Cantor     The Lord be with you

Choir       And with thy spirit

Cantor     Let us pray.

*[please kneel or sit]*

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

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 them that 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.  
O Lord, save the Queen.  
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 Collect of the Day:*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*The choir sings the Anthem*

My soul, there is a country far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a wingèd sentry all skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger, sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend, and—O my soul, awake!—  
Did in pure love descend to die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither, there grows the flower of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither, thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges; for none can thee secure  
But One who never changes— thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*Words: From Songs of Farewell Henry Vaughan (1621-95)*

*Music: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

*Sermon— Fr Bill Addy*

*Please kneel for the prayers:*

*The Grace:* **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.**

*Please stand to sing the final hymn:*

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
The darkness falls at thy behest;  
To thee our morning hymns ascended;  
The praise shall sanctify our rest.**

**We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,  
While earth rolls onward into light,  
Through all the world her watch is keeping,  
And rests not now by day or night.**

**As o'er each continent and island  
The dawn leads on another day,  
The voice of prayer is never silent,  
Nor dies the strain of praise away.**

**The sun that bids us rest is waking  
Our brethren 'neath the western sky,  
And hour by hour fresh lips are making  
Thy wondrous doings heard on high.**

**So be it, Lord, thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
Thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

*Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)*

*Music: 'St Clement' Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)*

*The Blessing:*

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

*Organ: Paean (from Six Pieces) - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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