

# Choral Evensong

## Sixth Sunday after Trinity

7 July 2024

6.00pm



Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. All are welcome to take part as they feel called. 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.



*Organ: Elegy – John Ireland (1879-1962)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:*  
O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1853-1924)*

*Part of our celebration of the music of Stanford, Dubois and Faure*

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 a setting by Richard Ayleward (1626-69)*

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:*

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured**

**Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,**

**Holiest of holies, Jesus our Lord.**

**Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,**

**The lights of evening round us shine,**

**We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.**

**Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue,**

**Son of our God, giver of life, alone:**

**Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

*Words: John Keble (1792-1866) based on Greek 4th century or earlier*

*Music: 'Sebaste' John Stainer (1840-1901)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 64:*

1. Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer \* preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2. Hide me from the gathering together of the forward \* and from the insurrection of wicked doers;

3. Who have whet their tongue like a sword \* and shoot out their arrows, even bitter words;
4. That they may privily shoot at him that is perfect \* suddenly do they hit him, and fear not.
5. They encourage themselves in mischief \* and commune among themselves how they may lay snares, and say that no man shall see them.
6. They imagine wickedness, and practise it \* that they keep secret among themselves, every man in the deep of his heart.
7. But God shall suddenly shoot at them with a swift arrow \* that they shall be wounded.
8. Yea, their own tongues shall make them fall \* insomuch that whoso seeth them shall laugh them to scorn.
9. And all men that see it shall say, This hath God done \* for they shall perceive that it is his work.
10. The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord, and put his trust in him \* and all they that are true of heart shall be glad.

*[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 (Jeremiah 20.1-11a)**

*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: Evening Service no.2 in Eb—Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

### **New Testament Reading** (Romans 14.1-17)

*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: Evening Service no.2 in Eb—Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

*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 King  
              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, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's understanding; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:*

When Mary thro' the garden went, there was no sound of any bird,  
And yet, because the night was spent, the little grasses lightly stirred,  
The flowers awoke, the lilies heard.

When Mary thro' the garden went, the dew lay still on flower and grass,  
The waving palms above her sent their fragrance out as she did pass.  
No light upon their branches was.

When Mary thro' the garden went, her eyes, for weeping long, were dim.  
The grass beneath her footsteps bent, the solemn lilies, white and slim,  
These also stood and wept for him.

When Mary thro' the garden went, she sought within the garden ground,  
One for Whom her heart was rent, one Who for her sake was bound,  
One Who sought, and she was found.

*Words: Mary Elizabeth Coleridge (1861-1907)*

*Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1853-1924)*

*Part of our celebration of the music of Stanford, Dubois and Faure*

*Sermon— Mthr Jennifer Brady*

*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 hymn during which a collection is taken:*

**On this day, the first of days,  
God the Father's name we praise,  
Who, creation's Lord and spring,  
Did the world from darkness bring.**

**On this day his only Son  
Over death the triumph won;  
On this day the Spirit came  
With his gifts of living flame.**

**On this day his people raise  
One pure sacrifice of praise,  
And, with all the saints above,  
Tell of Christ's redeeming love.**

**Praise, O God, to thee be given,  
Praise on earth and praise in heaven,  
Praise to thy eternal Son,  
Who this day our victory won.**

*Words: H. W. Baker (1821-77) and editors of the New English Hymnal  
Music: 'Monkland' Adapted by J. Antes (1740-1811) from a melody by  
J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739) and contributed to Hymn Tunes of the United  
Brethren (1824). Harmony by J. Wilkes (1861)*

*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: Toccata (from Suite for Organ) – Georgi Mushel (1909-89)*

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