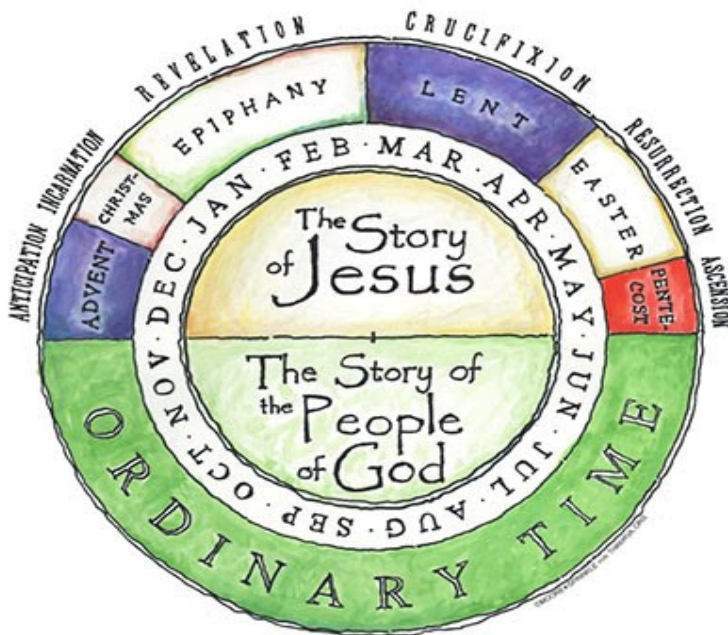


## Choral Evensong Tenth Sunday after Trinity

4 August 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: Prelude – George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:  
Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes offerunt Deo: et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo  
et non polluent nomen eius. Alleluia.*

[Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves of finest wheat to God: and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most holy name. Alleluia.]

*Words: Offertory for Corpus Christi*

*Music: William Byrd (1539-1623)*

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 John Hewitt (born 1956)*

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 Whatley (1787-1863)*

*Music: 'Ar Hyd Y Nos' Welsh Traditional*

*Harmonised Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 88:*

1. O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee \* O  
let my prayer enter into thy presence, incline thine ear unto my calling.

2. For my soul is full of trouble \* and my life draweth nigh unto hell.

3. I am counted as one of them that go down into the pit \* and I have been  
even as a man that hath no strength.

4. Free among the dead, like unto them that are wounded, and lie in the grave \* who are out of remembrance, and are cut away from thy hand.
5. Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit \* in a place of darkness, and in the deep.
6. Thine indignation lieth hard upon me \* and thou hast vexed me with all thy storms.
7. Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me \* and made me to be abhorred of them.
8. I am so fast in prison \* that I cannot get forth.
9. My sight faileth for very trouble \* Lord, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched forth my hands unto thee.
10. Dost thou shew wonders among the dead \* or shall the dead rise up again, and praise thee?
11. Shall thy loving-kindness be shewed in the grave \* or thy faithfulness in destruction?
12. Shall thy wondrous works be known in the dark \* and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten?
13. Unto thee have I cried, O Lord \* and early shall my prayer come before thee.
14. Lord, why abhorrest thou my soul \* and hidest thou thy face from me?
15. I am in misery, and like unto him that is at the point to die \* even from my youth up thy terrors have I suffered with a troubled mind.
16. Thy wrathful displeasure goeth over me : and the fear of thee hath undone me.
17. They came round about me daily like water \* and compassed me together on every side.
18. My lovers and friends hast thou put away from me \* and hid mine acquaintance out of my sight.

*[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** (Ecclesiasticus 42: 15-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: Evening Service in F major - George Dyson (1883-1964)*

### **New Testament Reading** (Hebrews 11: 17-31)

*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 in F major - George Dyson (1883-1964)*

*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:*

Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; 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:*

O Lord, the maker of all thing, we pray thee now in this evening  
Us to defend through thy mercy from all deceit of our enemy.  
Let neither us deluded be, Good Lord, with dream or fantasy;  
Our hearts waking in thee thou keep that we in sin fall not on sleep.  
O Father, through thy blessed Son, grant us this our petition,  
To whom, with the Holy Ghost always, in heaven and earth be laud and  
praise. Amen

*Words: 5th-6th century Office Hymn for Compline*

*Music: William Mundy (1529-91)*

*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:*

**King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
And that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
Thou hast heard me;  
Thou didst note my working breast,  
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,  
And the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
Thou didst clear me;  
And alone, when they replied,  
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
I will praise thee;  
In my heart, though not in heaven,  
I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort  
To enrol thee:  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol thee.**

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)*

*Music: 'Gwalchmai' John David Jones (1827-70)*

*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: Postlude - George Dyson (1883-1964)*

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