

## Choral Evensong Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 September 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: Voluntary in D major—William Boyce (1711-79)*

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:  
Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense: let the lifting up of my  
hands be as an evening sacrifice*

*Words: Psalm 141.2*

*Music: John Blow (1649-1708)*

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.

○ God, make speed to save us.  
○ 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:*

**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)*

*Music: 'Monkland' Adapted by J. Antes (1740-1811 from a melody by  
J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739) Harmony J. Wilkes (1861)*

*Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 119.1-16:*

1. Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way \* and walk in the law of the Lord.
2. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies \* and seek him with their whole heart.
3. For they who do no wickedness \* walk in his ways.

4. Thou hast charged \* that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
5. O that my ways were made so direct \* that I might keep thy statutes!
6. So shall I not be confounded \* while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7. I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart \* when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
8. I will keep thy ceremonies \* O forsake me not utterly.
9. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way \* even by ruling himself after thy word.
10. With my whole heart have I sought thee \* O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
11. Thy words have I hid within my heart \* that I should not sin against thee.
12. Blessed art thou, O Lord \* O teach me thy statutes.
13. With my lips have I been telling \* of all the judgements of thy mouth.
14. I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies \* as in all manner of riches.
15. I will talk of thy commandments \* and have respect unto thy ways.
16. My delight shall be in thy statutes \* and I will not forget thy word.

*[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 — Michael Wise (1647-87)*

### **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 — Michael Wise (1647-87)*

*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:*

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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:*

I was glad when they said unto me \* We will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates \* O Jerusalem.  
Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity in itself.  
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem \* they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls \* and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Words: Psalm 122.1-3, 6-7*

*Music: William Boyce (1711-79)*

*Sermon— Fr Yazid Said*

*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:*

**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 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: Grand Choeur in Eb no2 – César Franck (1822-90)*

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