

Choral Evensong Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

6 October 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: Abderjyride – Flor Peeters (1903-86)

*Please stand, as you are able, as the clergy enter and the choir sings the Introit:
Dilexisti justitiam, et odisti iniquitatem propterea moritur in exsilio
[He hath loved justice and hated iniquity, therefore he dies in exile]*

Words: Psalm 45.8

Music: Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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 Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

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:

The Lord reigns clothed in strength and power,

And beauty is his royal robe:

For his eternal throne he poised

The pillars of the solid globe

The thunder of the brooks in spate,

The restless motion of the tides,

Those voices of the springs proclaim

The Lord whose majesty abides.

Then in the splendour of his house

Now and forever glorify

The lord whose covenant stands firm,

Who built the earth and sea and sky.

Words: Michael Hodgetts (1936-2022)

Music: 'Wareham' William Knapp(1698-1768)

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 126

1. When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion * then were we like unto them that dream.

2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter * and our tongue with joy.

3. Then said they among the heathen * The Lord hath done great things for them.

4. Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already * whereof we rejoice.

5. Turn our captivity, O Lord * as the rivers in the south.
6. They that sow in tears * shall reap in joy.
7. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed * shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

[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 (Joshua 3.7-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—Peter Aston (1938-2013)

New Testament Reading (Matthew 10-1-22)

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: Evening Service in F major—Peter Aston (1938-2013)

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.

○ Lord, save the King
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.
○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.
Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, ○ God.
○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day:

○ God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;
Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our
hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Second Collect, for Peace:

○ 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, ○ 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:

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the saints above,
how great their joys, how bright their glories be. I ask them whence their
victory came: they, with united breath, ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal
inspired their breast; and following their incarnate God, they reached the
promised rest.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Ernest Bullock (1890-1979)

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 hymn during which a collection is taken:

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with wisdom purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.**

Words: C. A. Alington (1872-1955)

Music: 'Regent Square' Henry Smart (1813-79)

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: Trumpet Tune in Bb – Henry Purcell (1659-95) arr.IT

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