

Chelmsford Cathedral



**Choral Evensong
with Chorister Promotions**

*Sunday 2nd May
at 3.30 pm*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

*President: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: Gary Fleming*

You are warmly welcomed to Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral. Today is the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off.

Hearing Aids: There is a loop system installed throughout the church. If you are a hearing aid user, please turn it to **T**.

Music: The music today will be sung by the Cathedral Choir, directed by Hilary Punnett, Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir. The organist is James Davy, Organist and Master of the Choristers. Please feel free to join in at home with the singing of the hymns.

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Music before the Service

O filii et filiae (Variations) op.8 no.7

Jeanne Demessieux (1921 – 1968)

Please stand

Responses

The Precentor and choir sing the opening responses.

Choir O Lord, open thou our lips,
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

Choir 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.

Music: Matthew Martin (b.1976)

Hymn (NEH 436)

The congregation is welcomed. Please sit as the choir sing the hymn.

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him! Praise him, praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace. *Words: H F Lyte (1793 - 1847)*

After the hymn the Vice-Dean and the Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir move to the legilium with those choristers to be promoted. The Vice-Dean faces them and says

Vice-Dean The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Vice-Dean It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord.

Choir *And to sing praises unto thy name, O thou most highest.*

The Assistant Organist and Director of the Girls' Choir says

Canon Ivor, I present to you Hannah, Imogen and Evelyn to be admitted as full choristers of this Cathedral Girls' Choir.

Vice-Dean Hannah, Imogen and Evelyn, welcome. You have served this Cathedral Church as Probationers and during this time have fulfilled all that has been required of you. It is now the time for you to take on more responsibility as full choristers in the Choir of this Cathedral Church.

Therefore I ask all of you these questions:

Will you use your gifts to inspire and uplift our worship so that all may be drawn to the beauty of God?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you share in our fellowship and work with us to build a vision of God's glory?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

Will you play your part within the Cathedral Girls' Choir in sustaining the regular worship of this place?

Answer *With the help of God, I will.*

Hannah, Imogen and Evelyn, I admit and welcome you as full choristers into the ministry of this Cathedral Church.

The newly-admitted choristers put on their new surplices. The Vice-Dean then blesses the new choristers saying

Sing, rejoice and be glad. Praise the Lord with music, and delight him with true melody in your heart, and the Lord bless you and your going out and your coming in, now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

The new choristers return to their places. The Precentor leads the Choristers' Prayer.

Choir Bless, O Lord, us thy servants
 who minister in thy temple:
 Grant that what we sing with our lips,
 we may believe in our hearts;
 And what we believe in our hearts,
 we may show forth in our lives;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Psalmody

The choir sings Psalm 148

O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
Praise him, all ye angels of his : praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon : praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord : for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Please stand

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.

The First Reading

Acts 11 v 1 - 18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?'

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Magnificat

Please stand as the choir sings

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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 shewed 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.

Luke 1.46-55

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 C, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Please sit

The Second Reading

Revelation 21 v 1 - 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

Nunc dimittis

Please stand as the choir sings

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.

Luke 2.29-32

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.

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The Apostles' Creed

All **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 catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

The Precentor and the choir sing

Choir The Lord be with you,
and with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel

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

Our Father,
Choir *who art in heaven,*
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*

○ Lord, save the Queen.
Choir *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

○ Lord, save thy people.

Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.

Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

The Collects

The Precentor sings

○ Almighty God,
who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men;
Grant unto thy people,
that they may love the thing which thou commandest,
and desire that which thou dost promise;
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed,
where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir *Amen.*

○ 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.

Choir *Amen.*

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.

Choir Amen.

Music: Matthew Martin

The Anthem

Please be seated as the choir sings

I got me flowers to straw thy way: I got me boughs off many a tree: But thou wast up by break of day, And brought'st thy sweets along with thee. The Sunne arising in the East, Though he give light, and th'East perfume; If they should offer to contest With thy arising, they presume. Can there be any day but this, Though many suns to shine endeavour? We count three hundred, but we miss: There is but one, and that one ever.

Text: George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Music: Bob Chilcott (B. 1955)

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession

Canon Ivor Moody

Sermon

Gary Fleming

Hymn (NEH 336)

Angel-voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody?
Yes we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us constantly.

For we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given
earth and heaven render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832 - 1909)

Please stand

The Blessing

The congregation is blessed

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Conclusion

The closing responses are sung

Choir The Lord be with you,
and with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.

Choir *Thanks be to God.*

Music: Bernard Rose (1916 - 1996)

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia in G BWV 572

J S Bach (1685 - 1750)

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