

Chelmsford Cathedral



Choral Evensong

*Sunday 25th April
at 3.30 pm*

FIRST EVENING OF ST. MARK

*President: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: The Rev'd Tim Goodbody,
Diocesan Director of Ordinands*

You are warmly welcomed to Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral. Today we keep the first Evensong of St. Mark.

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

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

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Music before the Service

Recit de Tierce en Taille

Nicolas de Grigny (1672 – 1703)

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.

Choir 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: William Byrd (1539 – 1623)

Hymn (NEH 200)

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

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea
day by day his voice is sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Words: C F Alexander (1818 - 1895)

Tune: St Andrew

Psalmody

The choir sings Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another : and one night certieth another.

There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever : the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth : O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me : so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart : be always acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord : my strength, and my redeemer.

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.

Please sit

The First Reading

Isaiah 52 v 7 - 10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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 B flat, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)

Please sit

The Second Reading

Mark 1 v 1 - 15

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight".'

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

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.

Music: Evening Service in B flat, Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

Choir Our Father,
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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
 O 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.
 O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
 Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
 O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The Precentor sings

O almighty God,
 who hast instructed thy holy Church
 with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark:
 Give us grace, that, being not like children
 carried away with every blast of vain doctrine,
 we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

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.

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: William Byrd

The Anthem

Please be seated as the choir sings

How beautiful are their feet who stand on Sion's hill, Who bring salvation on their tongues, and words of peace instil! How happy are our ears that hear this joyful sound, Which kings and prophets waited for and sought, but never found. How blessed are our eyes that see this heavenly light! Prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight. The Lord makes bare his arm through all the earth abroad, Let every nation now behold their Saviour and their God.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674 – 1748)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession

Canon Imogen Nay

Sermon

The Rev'd Tim Goodbody, Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Hymn (NEH 272)

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
this the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

Words: W. J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859 - 1952)

Tune: All for Jesus

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

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

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Naylor (1867 – 1934)

Please stand while the clergy and choir process out.

Organ Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 550

J S Bach (1685 – 1750)

Music Notes

The music before today's service is from French composer, Nicolas de Grigny's, *Livre d'Orgue*, or 'Organ Book'. He was organist at the abbey church of S Denis in Paris, as well as cathedral organist at Reims Cathedral, where his father had also been organist. This 'Recit de Tierce en Taille' uses the French Classical tradition of entitling a piece with the name of the stops used, so in this case, it describes the left hand melody as played on a 'Tierce en Taille', or a Tierce stop, in a low range. This stop is very rare on modern English organs, so today you will instead hear a slightly different sound being used.

After the service, we will hear the shorter of the two Preludes and Fugues in G major by J. S. Bach, who famously wrote Preludes and Fugues, or *Praeludium* in each major and minor key. The variety in these *praeludium* would have been far more startling in a time when equal temperament (or, all keys sounding equally in tune) wasn't common. Before the 20th century, different keys held more meaning, as a variety of different tuning and temperament methods were used. As a result of this, each key, historically speaking, had its own 'personality'. G major was described as rustic, sweet, and idyllic.

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