

*Chelmsford Cathedral*



**Evensong**

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August  
at 3.30 pm*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Officiant: Canon Ivor Moody  
Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Moore*

**You are warmly welcomed to Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral. Today is the Tenth Sunday after Trinity.**

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 St Mary's Singers, directed by James Reed. The organist is David Richardson. Please feel free to join in at home with the singing of the hymns.

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## Music before the Service

*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;  
Choir      as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.
- Choir      Praise ye the Lord.
- Choir      The Lord's name be praised.

*Music: William Smith (1603 – 1645)*

## Hymn (NEH 286)

*The congregation is welcomed*

SHEEN

Gustav Holst 1874 - 1934



**From glory to glory advancing, we praise thee, O Lord;  
thy name with the Father and Spirit be ever adored.  
From strength unto strength we go forward on Sion's highway,  
to appear before God in the city of infinite day.**

**Thanksgiving and glory and worship and blessing and love,  
one heart and one song have the saints upon earth and above.  
O Lord, evermore to thy servants thy presence be nigh;  
ever fit us by service on earth for thy service on high.**

*Words from the Liturgy of St James  
Tune: Sheen*

*Please sit*

## **Psalmody**

*The choir sings Psalm 33 v 12 - 21*

Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah : and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men : from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

He fashioneth all the hearts of them : and understandeth all their works. There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host : neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man : neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him : and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death : and to feed them in the time of dearth. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord : for he is our help and our shield.

For our heart shall rejoice in him : because we have hoped in his holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us : like as we do put our trust in thee.

*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** *Genesis 15 v 1 - 6*

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### **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 Bb, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924)*

*Please sit*

## **The Second Reading**

*Hebrews 11 v 1 – 3, 8 - 16*

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **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.

*Please sit*

## **Homily**

*The Rev'd Kate Moore*

*Please stand*

## **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.

*Choir*     Let us pray.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Please sit or kneel*

*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

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.

*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 Smith*



## The Anthem

*Please be seated as the choir sings*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness:  
'Tis the spring of souls today: Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;

Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.  
Alleluia!

Words: John of Damascus (ca. 675-749), 750; Music: R S Thatcher (1888 – 1957)  
trans. John Mason Neale (1818 - 1866)

*Please sit or kneel*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Canon Ivor Moody*

*Please stand to sing*

## Hymn (ONC 409)

LORD OF THE YEARS

Michael Baughen b. 1930



**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord for our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt you,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us:  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

*Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) Tune: Lord of the Years*

## **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: Edward W Naylor (1867 – 1934)*

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8am: Eucharist (BCP)

8.45am: Breakfast with the Bible

*(available via zoom, contact Canon Imogen Nay for the link)*

10.30am: Eucharist

11.30am: Coffee

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