

Chelmsford Cathedral



**Evensong
with Valediction of Choral Scholars**

*Sunday 11th July
at 3.30 pm*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*Officiant: Canon Alison Kennedy
Preacher: The Very Rev'd Nicholas Henshall*

You are warmly welcomed to Evensong at Chelmsford Cathedral. Today is the Sixth 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 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

Slow Air I

Herbert Howells (1892 – 1983)

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.
- Praise ye the Lord.
- Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929 – 1988)

Hymn (NEH 383)

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

Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want,
more than all in thee I find:
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

*Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)
Tune: Aberystwyth*

Psalmody

The choir sings Psalm 25 v 1 - 10

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee : O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.
For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed : but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion.
Shew me thy ways, O Lord : and teach me thy paths.
Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me : for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long.
Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies : and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.
O remember not the sins and offences of my youth : but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness.
Gracious and righteous is the Lord : therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement : and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth : unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
For thy Name's sake, O Lord : be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

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
Deuteronomy 30 v 9 - 14

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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: St John's College Service, Herbert Howells

Please sit

The Second Reading

Colossians 1 v 1 - 14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: St John's College Service, Herbert Howells

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.

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

Choir O Lord, save the Queen.
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 God,
who hast prepared for them that love thee
such good things as pass man's understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love toward thee,
that we, loving thee above all things,
may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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: Kenneth Leighton

The Anthem

Please be seated as the choir sings

Chorus Praisèd be the God of Love
Men here below
Angels and here above,
Chorus who hath dealt his mercies so
Angels to his friend
Men and to his foe,
Chorus that both grace and glory tend
Angels us of old
Men and us in th'end.
Chorus the great shepherd of the fold
Angels us did make
Men for us was sold.
Chorus He our foes in pieces brake,
Angels Him we touch
Men and Him we take.
Chorus wherefore since that he is such,
Angels we adore
Men and we do crouch.
Chorus Lord, thy praises should be more:
Men we have non
Angels and we no store.
Chorus Praisèd be the God alone
Who hath made of two folds one.

Words: George Herbert (1593 - 1633)

Music: Benjamin Britten (1913 - 1976)

The Organist and Master of the Choristers and choral scholars move to the chancel steps.

The Valedictions

The Organist and Master of the Choristers says

Mr Dean, I ask you to give valediction to Matthew, Theo and Louis who are leaving the Cathedral Choir today.

The Dean says to Matthew, Theo and Louis

Matthew, Theo and Louis: we thank you for the work that you have done for us in this Cathedral Church. You have contributed to the leadership of the Choir and you have sung with dedication and led by example. We not only thank you for this service but thank the music staff of this Cathedral for nurturing your talent.

The Dean says to Matthew, Theo and Louis

It now falls on me to give you the charge and to bless you.

I charge you never to forget the great benefits that you have received in this place, and in time to come to do all you can to enable others to enjoy the same advantage; and remember that you carry with you, wherever you go, not only our thanks but also our prayers.

May God almighty bless you in your ways and keep in you the knowledge of his love now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Dean and the Organist and Master of the Choristers returns to his stall, whilst the leavers remain at the chancel step. The choir sings Psalm 15:

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life :
and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.
He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour :
and hath not slandered his neighbour.
He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes :
and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not :
though it were to his own hindrance.
He that hath not given his money upon usury :
nor taken reward against the innocent.
Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

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 leavers return to their places.

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession

The Rev'd Kate Moore

Sermon

The Very Rev'd Nicholas Henshall

Hymn (NEH 373)

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
while I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason (1646 - 1694)
Tune: Coe Fen

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: Edward W Naylor (1867 – 1934)

Organ Voluntary

Toccata Giocosa

William Mathias (1934 – 1992)

Music Notes

The music before today's service is by Herbert Howells, and is actually an arrangement for organ (by Robin Wells) of an original composition for violin and piano. It is a simple yet beautiful example of Howells' characteristic harmonic and rhythmic style.

The music after the service is by Welsh twentieth-century composer, William Mathias, who is well-known for his composition 'Let the people praise thee', which was commissioned for the 1981 Royal Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales. His 'Toccata Giocosa' is a joyous and rhythmically exuberant piece, originally written for the Royal College of Organists for the inauguration of their new organ in 1967. The first performance was by Sir David Willcocks, and this piece has gone on to become a popular part of the repertory. Mathias himself was not an organist, but his popularity as an organ composer is testament to his ability to write for the instrument.

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10.30am: Eucharist on Thursdays*

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Sundays

7.45am: Morning Prayer

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

(available to join us outside, please bring your own mug)

12pm: Zoom Coffee

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3.30pm: Evening Prayer during choir holiday, except for August 1st and 8th, when we are joined by visiting choirs.

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