



CHELMSFORD
CATHEDRAL



Choral Evensong
with a thanksgiving for Volunteers

Sunday 7 June
3.30pm

Trinity I

Welcome to Chelmsford Cathedral. Everything you need for this celebration is in this booklet. Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off and keep your belongings with you.

Today's service is a special service during this Volunteer week, to give thanks for all volunteers in our city and county.

Music. The choir is directed by Samuel Bristow, the Assistant Director of Music.

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Rubrics: Please stand or sit as is comfortable for you.

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Car park code: 2653

Please stand for the opening hymn.

Hymn

THAXTED

Gustav Holst 1874 - 1934



**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace**

Words: Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Welcome

The Canon Precentor welcomes the congregation.

The Precentor and choir sing the opening responses:

Preces

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.

Choir 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.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Please be seated as the choir sings the Psalm.

Psalm 8

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world :
thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained
strength, because of thine enemies :

that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3 For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him : a
nd the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.

6 Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

7 All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :

and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

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 be seated.

First Reading
Deuteronomy 15.7-11

The first lesson is taken from the book of Deuteronomy.

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand as the choir sings the Magnificat.

Magnificat

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: Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please be seated.

Second Reading
Romans 12:9-18, 21

The second lesson is taken from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand as the choir sings the Nunc dimittis.

Nunc dimittis

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: Collegium Regale by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please remain standing for the Creed.

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.**

Please sit as the Precentor and choir sing the responses.

The Lesser Litany and Responses

The cantor and the choir sing:

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

Please remain seated or kneel

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

Choir 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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.

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, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

○ God, the strength of all them that put their trust in thee,
mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of
our mortal nature we can do no good thing without thee, grant us
the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may
please thee, both in will and deed; 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: Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Please remain seated for the anthem.

Anthem

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
yea, even for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they daily say unto me: Where is now thy God?

Words: Psalm 42.1-3

Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please sit or kneel to pray.

Homily and Prayers of Intercession

The prayers conclude with:

**All 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.

Hymn

CWM RHONDDA

John Hughes (1873-1932)



**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

*Words: William Williams (1717-1791)
translated from Welsh by Peter Williams (1727-1796)*

Please remain standing for the Blessing.

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always

All **Amen**

The closing responses are sung:

Cantor The Lord be with you,

Choir and with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Naylor (1867-1934)

Please remain standing as the ministers depart.

Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott
(Op. 65, No 13)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

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Sundays

7.45am: Morning Prayer
8am: Said Eucharist (BCP)
9.30am: Sung Eucharist
11.15am: Choral Eucharist
3.30pm: Choral Evensong

Weekdays

7.45am: Morning Prayer
8.15am: Eucharist
10.30am: Said Eucharist - Thursdays only
5.15pm: Choral Evensong - Thursdays & Fridays
Sung Evening Prayer - Tuesdays
Plainsong Evensong - Wednesdays
Said Evening Prayer - Mondays & Saturdays

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