



Choral Evensong
on the
Third Sunday of Easter

with prayers for
His Royal Highness
The Prince Philip
Duke of Edinburgh
(1921–2021)

Sunday, 18 April 2021

at 4.00pm

Welcome to this afternoon's service

The service is led by
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Preacher is
The Right Reverend Julian Henderson
Bishop of Blackburn

The Cantor is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Precentor

Cathedra Voices
is directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

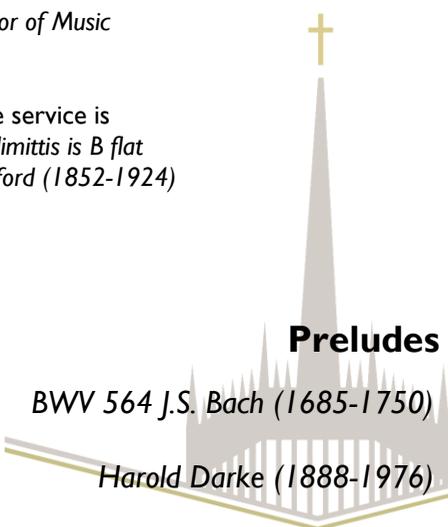
The setting for the service is
Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in B flat
by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Prelude and fugue in C Major

Elegy in B flat

Preludes
BWV 564 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Harold Darke (1888-1976)



The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter and the choir sing

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts,
shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers,
but spare us, Lord, most holy,
O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour for any pains of death to fall from thee.

Text from the BCP Burial service. Music Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Opening responses

The cantor and choir sing the responses

*O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

*O God, make speed to save us.
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.
The Lord's name be praised.*

Please sit down

Welcome

The Dean, the Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones, introduces the service

The choir sings

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as, moving, seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark;

For, though from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

Text by Alfred Tennyson (1809-92)

Music by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills :
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord :
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel :
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper:
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

Setting by Sir Henry Walford Davies KCVO, OBE (1869-1941)

First Reading

We have been born anew to a living hope

1 Peter 1.3-9

*Read by the Lord Lieutenant,
The Rt Hon the Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Please stand for the Magnificat which is sung by the choir

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

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 down

In my Father's house are many rooms

John 14.1-6

Read by Freyja Shoniwa, a Cathedral chorister

Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Please stand for the Nunc dimittis which is sung by the choir

Nunc dimittis

Lord, now lettest 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.

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.

**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**

Responses

The cantor and choir sing

*The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.*

Please sit down

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

*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.
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.*

*Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou. O God.*

*O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy holy Spirit from us.*

Collects

*Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
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.
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.
Amen.*

Anthem

The choir sings

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict:
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Sir William Henry Harris KCVO (1883-1973)

Personal reflection

The Lord Lieutenant,

The Rt Hon the Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO

Sermon

The Bishop of Blackburn,

the Rt Reverend Julian Henderson

The Prayers

*Led by Cathedral Clergy, Vice Dean, Canon Rowena Pailing,
and Episcopal Canon, the Rt Reverend Philip North*

God of all grace, who did send your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light: Most humbly and heartily we give you thanks that by his death he destroyed the power of death, and by his glorious resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Grant us assuredly to know that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, shall be able to separate us from your love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn, that casting all their care on thee, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech you to bless our most gracious Sovereign, Queen Elizabeth, and all the Royal Family: endue them with your Holy Spirit, enrich them with your heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Dean concludes

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us all with the gift of this earthly life
and has given to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
his span of years and gifts of character.
God our Father, we thank you now for all his life,
for every memory of love and joy,
for every good deed done by him
and every sorrow shared with us.

We thank you for his life and for his death,
we thank you for the rest in Christ he now enjoys,
we thank you for giving him to our nation,
we thank you for the glory we shall share together.
Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into the gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end.

Amen.

John Donne (1572-1631)

The Blessing

The Bishop of Blackburn says

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Please stand as the choir alone sings

National Anthem

God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us;
God save the Queen!

The Organ Voluntary

Imperial March

Sir Edward William Elgar, OM, GCVO (1857-1934)

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves
and then please follow the directions of the wardens.*

Virger

Cathedral Clergy

Bishop of Lancaster

Residentiary Canons

Bishop of Blackburn

Virger

The Dean

Virger

Lord & Lady Shuttleworth

Mayor Elect of Blackburn and Mayoress Elect of Blackburn

Vice Lord Lieutenant Christine Kirk and Mr Kirk

Chief Executive of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Ms Denise Park

High Sheriff Edwin Booth and Mrs Booth

Chair of Lancashire County Council Susie Charles and Mr Richard Halhead

Ms Kate Hollern MP and Guest

Ms Sara Britcliffe MP

Under Sheriff Mr David Cam

We are taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship.

We have the option to use the NHS Test and Trace QR codes that are available in the building and on this service paper.

- Face masks should be worn and the two-metre 'rule' applies.
- Please go straight to a seat and remain there for the service.
- There will be no corporate singing – there will be some solo singing – please do not join in!
- If you missed the point for the collection, please give as you leave.
- After the blessing and National Anthem please remain standing, and follow the clergy and ministers out of the building, immediately.
- We discourage people from gathering in groups outside after Sunday worship.



Please be in touch if you need us.

Thank you.

Keep safe.