



Choral Evensong

on

Christ the King

with chorister

Promotions and Awards

Sunday, 21 November 2021

at 4.00pm

Welcome to this afternoon's service

The Presentations are given by
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The officiant is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Precentor

The responses are
Bertalot

The canticle setting is
Gibbons Short Service

The Cathedral Choir
is directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music



The Gathering

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter

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.*

Welcome and Introduction

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

Promotions to Chorister

The Director of Music brings the probationers to stand before the Dean, and says

Mr. Dean, I here present to you

Giying Yip
Naomi Jones
Zoe Leslie

who by their progress, effort and good character have proved themselves worthy of being made full Choristers in the Cathedral Choir.

The Dean says

Giying, Naomi, and Zoe,
I raise you to the status of Chorister in the Cathedral Choir.
May the Lord bless you, preserve you,
and increase your joy and devotion in singing God's praises.

The new Choristers return to their places

Promotions to Prefect

The Director of Music brings the choristers to stand before the Dean, and says

Mr. Dean, I here present to you

Amy Partington
Freyja Shoniwa
Giwan Feng
Isabella Powis
Lucy McCullough
Madeleine Powis

who by their service and loyalty have proved themselves worthy of being raised to the status of Prefect in the Cathedral Choir.

The Dean says

Amy, Freyja, Giwan and Lucy,
I invest you with the Cross and Cloak, signs of
authority as a Prefect in the Choir of this Cathedral Church.
May the Lord bless each of you and increase your joy and
devotion in singing God's praises.

The prefects return to their places.

Promotion to Deputy Head Chorister

Mr Dean, I here present to you

Charlotte Roberts
Darcy Tayler in absentia

who by their service and loyalty have proved themselves worthy of being raised to the status of Deputy Head Chorister in the Cathedral Choir.

The Dean says

Charlotte and Darcy in absentia,
I raise you to the office and dignity of
Deputy Head Chorister in our Cathedral Choir.
May the Lord bless you and increase their joy and devotion
in singing God's praises.

Promotion to Head Chorister

The Director of Music brings George to stand before the Dean and says

Mr Dean, I here present to you

George Seedal

who by his service and loyalty
has proved himself worthy of being raised
to the status of Head Chorister in the Cathedral Choir.

The Dean says

George, I raise you to the office and dignity of Head Chorister
in the Cathedral Choir.

May the Lord bless you and increase your joy and devotion
in singing God's praises.

George returns to his place

The Livesey Trust Award

The Dean says

A Trust founded in 1769 known as the Livesey Exhibition
Endowment, presents this award, originally to choristers living
within the old Borough of Blackburn, in recognition of their
commitment to the Cathedral Choir. In 2013 the deed was
amended by permission of the Charity Commission so as to
benefit 'any boy or girl chorister of Blackburn Cathedral who
resides within the Diocese of Blackburn'.

The Director of Music brings choristers receiving the award before the Dean and says

Mr. Dean, I present to you

Charlotte Roberts

Isabella Powis

James McCullough

José Godoy

Lucy McCullough

Madeleine Powis

Toby Mott

to be presented with the Livesey Trust Award.

The Dean says

Charlotte, Isabella, James,
[José], Lucy, Madeleine, and Toby, receive this award.
May the Lord bless you and increase your joy and devotion
in singing God's praises.

When the choristers have received their award they return to their places.

The Dean David Frayne Award

The Dean says

The Livesey Trust also funds the Dean David Frayne Award
to an outstanding candidate.

Mr. Dean, I present to you

Darcy Tayler in absentia

who is to be presented with the Dean David Frayne Award.

Office Hymn

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Happy are they, they that love God,
whose hearts have Christ confest,
who by his Cross have found their life,
and 'neath his yoke their rest.

Glad is the praise, sweet are the songs,
when they together sing;
and strong the prayers that bow the ear
of heav'n's eternal King.

Sad were our lot, evil this earth,
did not its sorrows prove
the path whereby the sheep may find
the fold of Jesu's love.



Christ to their homes giveth his peace,
and makes their loves his own:
but ah, what tares the evil one
hath in his garden sown!

Then shall they know, they that love him,
how hope is wrought with pain;
their fellowship, through death itself,
unbroken will remain.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

based O quam juvat, Frates, Deus by Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

Please sit down

Psalm 72

Give the King thy judgements, O God :
and thy righteousness unto the King's son.

Then shall he judge thy people according unto right :
and defend the poor.

The mountains also shall bring peace :
and the little hills righteousness unto the people.

He shall keep the simple folk by their right :
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrong-doer.

They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and moon endureth :
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like the rain into a fleece of wool :
even as the drops that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish :
yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the moon endureth.

His dominion shall be also from the one sea to the other :
and from the flood unto the world's end.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him :
his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents :
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him : all nations shall do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor when he crieth :
the needy also, and him that hath no helper.

He shall be favourable to the simple and needy :
and shall preserve the souls of the poor.

He shall deliver their souls from falsehood and wrong :
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

He shall live, and unto him shall be given of the gold of Arabia :
prayer shall be made ever unto him, and daily shall he be praised.

There shall be an heap of corn in the earth, high upon the hills :
his fruit shall shake like Libanus,
and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth.

His Name shall endure for ever; his Name shall remain under the sun
among the posterities:
which shall be blessed through him;
and all the heathen shall praise him.

Blessed be the Lord God, even the God of Israel :
which only doeth wondrous things;

And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ever :
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. Amen, Amen.

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 down

First Reading

Daniel 5

King Belshazzar made a great festival for a thousand of his lords, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.

Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar commanded that they bring in the vessels of gold and silver that his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. So they brought in the vessels of gold and silver that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, 'Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom.' Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king the interpretation. Then King Belshazzar became greatly terrified and his face turned pale, and his lords were perplexed.

The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting-hall. The queen said, 'O king, live for ever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'

Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king said to Daniel, 'So you are Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom my father the king brought from Judah? I have heard of you that a spirit of the gods is in

you, and that enlightenment, understanding, and excellent wisdom are found in you. Now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me to read this writing and tell me its interpretation, but they were not able to give the interpretation of the matter. But I have heard that you can give interpretations and solve problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and tell me its interpretation, you shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around your neck, and rank third in the kingdom.'

Then Daniel answered in the presence of the king, 'Let your gifts be for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else! Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and let him know the interpretation. O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar kingship, greatness, glory, and majesty. And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed those he wanted to kill, kept alive those he wanted to keep alive, honoured those he wanted to honour, and degraded those he wanted to degrade. But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he acted proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was stripped from him. He was driven from human society, and his mind was made like that of an animal. His dwelling was with the wild asses, he was fed grass like oxen, and his body was bathed with the dew of heaven, until he learned that the Most High God has sovereignty over the kingdom of mortals, and sets over it whomsoever he will. And you, Belshazzar his son, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this! You have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven! The vessels of his temple have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them. You have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know; but the God in whose power is your very breath, and to whom belong all your ways, you have not honoured.

'So from his presence the hand was sent and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; TEKEL, you have been weighed on the scales and found wanting; PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.'

Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed in purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made concerning him that he should rank third in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar, the Chaldean king, was killed. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

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

Second Reading

John 6.1-15

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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.

The Apostles Creed

**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

*Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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.

Please sit down

Anthem

Nolo mortem peccatoris: *I do not want the death of a sinner:*

haec sunt verba Salvatoris. *These are the words of the Saviour.*

Father, I am thine only Son

sent down from heaven mankind to save.

Father, all things fulfilled and done

according to thy will I have.

Father, my will now all is this:

Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Father, behold my painful smart,

taken from man on every side;

e'en from my birth to death most tart,

no kind of pain have I denied.

But suffered all and all for this.

Nolo mortem peccatoris.

Music by Thomas Morley

Prayers

The Dean prays

Creator God,

we praise you for the gift of music,

sent to brighten our lives and lift our hearts to you.

We pray for those who assist at our worship

by the exercise of musical talents and gifts,

that they may do so with full hearts,

singing not just with the voice but with understanding also,

that they may come one day to join the celestial choir

in whose worship they participate on earth.

We make this prayer though Jesus Christ our Lord,

and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Final Hymn

DIADEMATA 352



Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson
trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole
that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

The Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand.
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

"While the King sits at his table" Op.18 Number 1

Marcel Dupré (1886 - 1971)

*Please remain standing as the procession leaves
and then please follow the minsters out of the Cathedral.*

We are still taking every care to follow appropriate social distancing good practice in this act of worship. Our current practice remains in principle the same – keep socially distanced and keep safe. Our advice below is now *recommended*, not compulsory.

- Please wear a mask as you enter and leave the cathedral.
- Please do not sit next to another person unless you have their express permission to do so.
- Once you sit down you may choose to keep wearing your mask or remove it.
- You may join in the hymns if you wish.
- Communion will be in one kind only and is distributed in the north and south aisle of the nave – please follow the invitations of the stewards.
- If you missed the point for the collection, please give as you leave.

You have the option to use the NHS Test and Trace QR codes that are available in the building.

Please be in touch if you need us.

Thank you.

Keep safe.



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The Blessing is a traditional Celtic text.