



Choral Evensong

Christ the King

with chorister

Promotions, Awards, Valedictions
and
Admission of
Junior Choral Scholars

Sunday, 20 November, 2022

4.00pm

Welcome to this afternoon's service

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

The cantor is
Canon Gary O'Neill
Interim Precentor

The responses are
Preces and Responses by Maggie Burk

The canticles are
Evening Canticles in b minor by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

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

John Hosking
Organist in Residence

Refreshments will be served after the service.



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

Amelie Scott
Chiugo Ozurumba
Saffa Ahmed

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

The Dean says

Amelie, Chiugo and Saffa,
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 Dean robes each new Choristers a surplice. They 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

Naomi Jones
Stephenie Adebayo

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

Naomi and Stephenie,
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

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

Mr Dean, I here present to you

Giwan Feng
Toby Mott

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

Giwan and Toby,
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.

The Deputy Head Choristers return to their places.

Promotion to Head Chorister

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

Mr Dean, I here present to you

Darcy Tayler
Joseph Baron

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

The Dean says

Darcy and Joseph,
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.

The Head Choristers return to their places.

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

Giying Feng
Harvey Mason
Jacob Hayhurst
Safa Ahmed
Stephenie Adebayo

to be presented with the Livesey Trust Award.

The Dean says

Giyng, Harvey, Jacob, Safa and Stephenie,
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

Joseph Barron

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

Valediction

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

Poppy Felipes

Past Head Chorister of this Cathedral Choir.

In answering the call to be a chorister, you have now completed
your time as a Chorister in the Cathedral Choir.

The Dean says

Poppy,
in the name of God, and on behalf of the Chapter and
Congregation of this Cathedral Church, I thank you for the
service you have given to our worship as a member of the
Cathedral Choir.

May God bless you and hold you in his keeping all your days.

*The Dean gives the promise of a hymnal and prayer book from the Cathedral Music
Department, and a tie to mark her entry into Blackburn Cathedral Choir Association.*

The Director of Music says

Poppy,
I invite you each to take these flowers for you family,
in recognition of the support they have given you,
during your time here.

New Junior Choral Scholars

The Director of Music brings the Junior Choral Scholars to stand before the Dean, and says

Mr. Dean, I present to you

Connor Markwell
Logan Goodbody
Poppy Felipes
Yuibun Feng,

The Dean says

Connor, Logan, Poppy and Yuibun,

do you wish to become Junior Choral Scholars
in the Cathedral Choir?

They reply

I do.

Will you be regular in attendance, careful in your work and
reverent in this house of God?

They reply

I will.

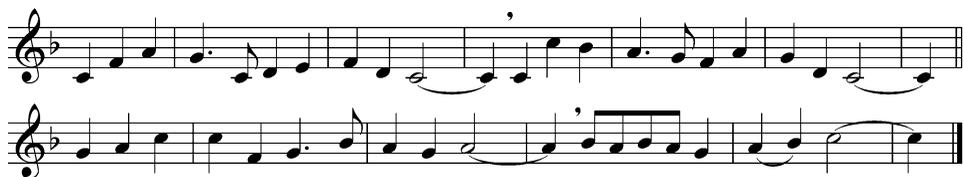
Connor, Logan, Poppy and Yuibun,

I admit you as Junior Choral Scholars
in the Cathedral Choir

The Lord bless your going out and your
coming in from this time forth for evermore.

Office Hymn

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All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine: *Alleluia!*

Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: *Alleluia!*

Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary: *Alleluia!*

Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the name to which all knees shall bow: *Alleluia!*

Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored: *Alleluia!*

Francis Bland Tucker (1895-1984), based on Philippians 2:5-11

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Please sit down.

Psalm 80

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel,
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep :
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses :

stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God :

shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts :

how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears :

and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours :

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts :

shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt :

thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.

Thou madest room for it :

and when it had taken root it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it :

and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedar-trees.

She stretched out her branches unto the sea :

and her boughs unto the river.

Why hast thou then broken down her hedge :

that all they that go by pluck off her grapes?

The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up:

and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven :

behold, and visit this vine;

And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted :

and the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

It is burnt with fire, and cut down :

and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand :

and upon the son of man,

whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so will not we go back from thee :

O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

*Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts :
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.*

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

1 Samuel 8.4-20

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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 18.33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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 kneel or 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 King.
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.*

*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

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.
For with thee is the well of life : and in thy light shall we see light.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.
Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths. Amen.

Psalms 119.105; 36.9; 29.2 and 134.3

Music by John Bertalot

Composed for the rededication of the restored Lantern Tower, 1999.

Prayers

Hymn

DIADEMATA 352

Please stand to sing



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.
Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne – the Infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.

Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

The Blessing

The Organ Voluntary

Organ Symphony N° 2 - i *Allegro*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*Newly made choristers and all those promoted or admitted are very welcome
to take photographs during the playing of the voluntary.*

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