

SOLEMN EVENSONG

for the Eve of St Luke

sung by the Cathedral Choir



Truro
Cathedral

Sunday 17th October
2021
at 4.00pm

Please stand for the entry of the Choir and Clergy

The Preces

sung by the Officiant and the Choir to a setting by John Reading (1685 - 1764)

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.

Hymn

**Father of mercy, God of consolation,
Look on your people, gathered here to praise you,
Pity our weakness, come in power to aid us,
Source of all blessing.**

**Son of the Father, Lord of all creation,
Come as our Saviour, Jesus, friend of sinners,
Grant us forgiveness, life our downcast spirit,
Heal us and save us.**

**Life-giving Spirit, be our light in darkness,
Come to befriend us, help us bear our burdens,
Give us true courage, breathe your peace around us,
Stay with us always.**

**God in Three Persons, Father, Son and Spirit,
Come to renew us, fill your Church with glory,
Grant us your healing, pledge of resurrection,
Foretaste of heaven.**

Psalm 33
sung by the Choir

Please sit as the choir chants the Psalm but stand for the singing of the final Gloria.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Praise the Lord with harp:
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.
He loveth righteousness and judgement:
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an
heap: and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
Let all the earth fear the Lord:
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
For he spake, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: and
maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth
out the counsels of princes.
The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah: and
blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his
inheritance.
The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of
men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them
that dwell on the earth.
He fashioneth all the hearts of them:
and understandeth all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.
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 Lesson

Hosea 6: 1-3

Here begins the thirteenth sixth chapter of the book of the prophet Hosea.

'Come, let us return to the Lord;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand

Magnificat

sung by the choir to the setting in F by Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)

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

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3: 10-end

Here begins the tenth verse of the third chapter of the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand

Nunc Dimittis
sung by the Choir

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.
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

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.**

The Responses
sung by the Officiant and the Choir

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Please kneel

Let us pray.

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.

The Collect for St Luke

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for peace

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.

The Collect for help in danger

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

'O what their joy and their glory must be' by William Harris (1883 - 1973)
sung by the choir

O what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crown for the valiant; to weary ones rest,
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne?
What are the peace and the joy that they own?
Tell us, ye blest ones, that in it have share,
If what ye feel ye can fully declare.

Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,
'Vision of peace,' that brings joy evermore!
Wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er,
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthem of Sion shall sing;

While for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Thy blessed people shall evermore raise.

There dawns no sabbath, no sabbath is o'er,
Those sabbath-keepers have one and no more;
One and unending is that triumph song
Which to the angels and us shall belong.

Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,
We for that country must yearn and must sigh,
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall,
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;
Of whom, the Father; and through whom, the Son;
In whom, the Spirit, with these ever one. Amen.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079 – 1142)

The Sermon and prayers
The Revd Canon Nigel Marns

Please stand

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sing heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever with them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
Thy Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow St Luke and all his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Fantasia and Fugue in G by Charles Hubert Parry (1848 - 19)

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart.

Please take this order of service away with you.

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