

# **SOLEMN EVENSONG**

## **for Candlemas**

### **sung by the Cathedral Choir**

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Truro  
Cathedral

Sunday 23rd January  
2022  
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 Thomas Tomkins (1572 – 1656)*

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**

**Sing how the age-long promise of a Saviour  
Spoken through lips of prophets by the Spirit,  
In blessed Mary, Mother of the Christ-child,  
Finds its fulfilment.**

**Virgin most pure, and wondrously conceiving,  
Bearing incarnate God in awed obedience,  
Now she presents him for a spotless offering  
Unto his Father.**

**In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous  
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture  
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,  
Jesus, Messiah.**

**Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,  
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,  
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants  
Life everlasting.**

**Father eternal, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, Maker and Redeemer,  
Giver of life, and Author of salvation,  
Thine be the glory.**

**Psalm 123**  
*sung by the Choir*

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

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes: O thou that dwellest in the heavens.  
Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their  
masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress:  
even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy  
upon us.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are  
utterly despised.

Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy: and with  
the despitefulness of the proud.

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**  
**Haggai 2: 1-9**

Here begins the second chapter of the book of the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the  
twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the  
prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,  
governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest,  
and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you  
that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now?  
Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage,  
O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of  
Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land,  
says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of  
hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out  
of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says  
the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the  
heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake  
all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I  
will fill this house with splendour, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is  
mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter  
splendour of this house shall be greater than the former, says

the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

Here ends the first lesson.

*Please stand*

### **Magnificat**

*sung by the choir to the setting in F by George Dyson (1883 - 1964)*

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**

#### **John 2: 18-22**

Here begins the eighteenth verse of the second chapter of the gospel according to St John.

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 the Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same 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**

#### **'When to the temple Mary went' by Johannes Eccard**

**(1553 – 1611)**

*sung by the choir*

When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child,  
Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed.  
He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said:  
In peace I now depart,  
my Saviour having seen,  
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be  
as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee;  
and when we must from earth departure take, departure take,  
may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.

### **The Sermon and prayers**

The Dean

*Please stand*

## Hymn

**Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiancy divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.**

### **The Blessing**

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

### **Final Responses**

*sung by the choir*

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **Organ Voluntary**

'La vierge et 'l'enfant by Olivier Messiaen (1908 - 1992)