

EVENSONG

**sung by the Lay Vicars and Choral
Scholars of the Cathedral Choir
for the Fifth Sunday after Easter**



**Truro
Cathedral**

**Sunday 9th May
2021
at 4.00pm**

Please stand for the entry of the Clergy.

The Preces

sung by the Officiant and the Choir to the setting by Christopher Gray

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.

Psalm 45

sung by the Choir

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

My heart is inditing of a good matter:
I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
My tongue is the pen: of a ready writer.
Thou art fairer than the children of men:
full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.
Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty:
according to thy worship and renown.
Good luck have thou with thine honour:
ride on, because of the word of truth, of meekness, and
righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
Thy arrows are very sharp, and the people shall be subdued unto
thee: even in the midst among the King's enemies.
Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever:
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity:
wherefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of
gladness above thy fellows.
All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia:
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.
Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women:

upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought about with divers colours.
Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear:
forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty:
for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift:
like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication
before thee.
The King's daughter is all glorious within:
her clothing is of wrought gold.
She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work:
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company, and shall be
brought unto thee.
With joy and gladness shall they be brought:
and shall enter into the King's palace.
Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children:
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
I will remember thy Name from one generation to another:
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.
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 **Song of Solomon 4: 16 – 5: 2, 8: 6-7**

Here begins the sixteenth verse of the fourth chapter of the Song of Solomon.

Awake, O north wind, and come, O south wind! Blow upon my garden that its fragrance may be wafted abroad. Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat its choicest fruits. I come to my garden, my sister, my bride; I gather my myrrh with my spice, I eat my honeycomb with my honey, I drink my wine with my milk. Eat, friends, drink, and be drunk with love. I slept, but my heart was awake. Listen! my beloved is knocking. 'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my perfect one; for my head is wet with dew, my locks with the drops of the night.' Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a

seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand

Magnificat

sung by the Choir to the fauxbourdon setting by Robert Sharpe

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 Revelation 3: 14-end

Here begins the fourteenth verse of the third chapter of the revelation to St John the divine.

'To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the origin of God's creation: 'I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. For you say, "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing." You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Therefore I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire so that you may be rich; and white robes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nakedness from being seen; and salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. I reprove and discipline those whom I love. Be earnest, therefore, and repent. Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.'

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.

Please remain standing

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 Fifth Sunday after Easter

O Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

'Lugebat David Absalon' by Nicolas Gombert (c.1495 – c. 1560)

Lugebat David Absalon,
pius pater filium,
tristis senex puerum:
Heu me, fili mi Absalon,
quis mihi det ut moriar,
ut ego pro te moriar,
O filii mi Absalom.
Rex autem David filium,
cooperto flebat capite:
Quis mihi det ut moriar,
O fili, O fili mi!

David mourned for Absalom,
a pious father for his son,
a grieving old man for his boy:
Ah me! My son Absalom,
would God I had died for you,

O my son, Absalom.
King David wept for his son
with his head covered:
Would God I had died for you,
O my son!

The Sermon and prayers

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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

Scherzo Op.2 by Maurice Duruflé (1902 – 1986)

Please remain standing as the clergy depart.

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