

Festal Evensong for the feast of St George



Sunday 24 April 2022
5.30 pm

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Musicians

The Cathedral Voluntary Choir is conducted by
Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

The organ is played by
Alexander Wilton, Sydney Nicholson Organ Scholar

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music before the service

Andate religioso, Sonata No 4

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Please stand as the Choir and clergy enter

Hymn

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might,
His will obey, him serve aright;
For thee the Saints uplift their voice:
Fear not, O land, in God rejoice.

Glad shalt thou be, with blessing crowned,
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee shall make his home
Until thou see God's kingdom come.

He shall forgive thy sins untold:
Remember thou his love of old;
Walk in his way, his word adore,
And keep his truth for evermore.

Wareham NEH 493
William Knapp (1698-1768)

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Preces

William Smith (1603-45)
sung by the Choir

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.

The Rev'd Canon Márcia Wall, Canon Precentor of Manchester Cathedral, welcomes the congregation and introduces the psalm.

The congregation sits

Psalm 3

sung by the Choir
William Russell (1777-1813)

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me:
 many are they that rise against me.
Many one there be that say of my soul:
 There is no help for him in his God.
But thou, O Lord, art my defender:
 thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
I did call upon the Lord with my voice:
 and he heard me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again:
 or the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people:
 that have set themselves against me round about.
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God:
 for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone;
 thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord:
 and thy blessing is upon thy people.

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.

All sit

First Lesson

Isaiah 43. 1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
 he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
 I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honoured, and I love you,
 I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
 and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
 bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made.'

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand with the Choir

Magnificat

Service in F, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1933)
 sung by the Choir

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

Second Lesson

John 15. 1-8

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand with the Choir

Nunc Dimittis

*Service in F, Charles Villiers Stanford
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 turn to face the high altar

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.**

Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects

*William Smith
sung by the Choir*

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All sit or kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And let us not be lead into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Robert Stone (1516-1613)

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.

Collect for the feast of St George

O God of hosts,
who didst so kindle the flame of love
in the heart of thy servant George
that he bore witness to the risen Lord
by his life and by his death:
give us the same faith and power of love
that we who rejoice in his triumphs
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;

through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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.*

Collect for aid against all perils

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

sung by the Choir

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers
therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world: doth acknowledge
thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory: O Christ
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man: thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death: thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God: in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants: whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

Charles Villiers Stanford

Book of Common Prayer

The Sermon

Canon Márcia Wall

During the following hymn members of the congregation follow the clergy to the Icons.

Hymn

Lord God, of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath:
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto the land we love.

Thou Breath of Life since time began,
Breathing upon the lips of man,
Hast taught each kindred race to raise
United word to sound thy praise:
So, in this land, join, we beseech,
All hearts and lips in single speech.

To George our Saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That Word of Life which was his breath.
O help us, Helper of Saint George,
To fear no bonds that man can forge.

Arm us like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon to the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy Saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A land acceptable to thee.

Melita NEH 162
J B Dykes (1823-76)

Laurence Housman (1865-1959)

A Litany of St George

In honour of St George
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his true faith,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his encompassing hope,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his zealous love,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his constancy in difficulty,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his perseverance until the end,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of the sufferings he endured,
Save us, O Lord.

In honour of his holy death,
Save us, O Lord.

Anthem

sung by the Choir

During the anthem the Icon is censed.

Martyr of God, whose strength was steeled
To follow close God's only Son,
Well didst thou brave thy battlefield,
And well thy heavenly bliss was won!

Now join thy prayers with ours, who pray
That God may pardon us and bless;
For prayer keeps evil's plague away,
And draws from life its weariness.

Long, long ago, were loosed the chains
That held thy body once in thrall;
For us how many a bond remains!
O Love of God release us all.

All praise to God the Father be,
All praise to thee, eternal son;
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
While never-ending ages run. Amen.

Mode ii

*Latin c 10th century
Tr Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

The Blessing

God give you grace to follow St George our Patron
with all the Saints and Martyrs,
in faith, love and steadfastness
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Music after the service

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 545

J S Bach (1685-1750)

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music,
readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit this evening.*