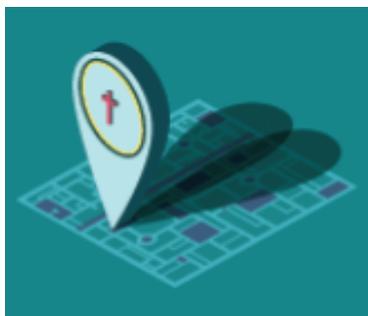


## Evensong attended by Retiring Headteachers



Wednesday 8 June 2022  
5.30 pm

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

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## **Musicians**

The Lay Clerks are conducted by  
Christopher Stokes, Organist & Master of the Choristers  
The organ is played by  
Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

## **Music before the Service**

Adagio, Symphony No 5

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

## **Welcome**

*The Revd Daniel Valentine welcomes the congregation on behalf of the Dean.*

## **A message from the Dean**

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral for this service of Choral Evensong. Unfortunately, I am at Westminster Abbey for a special service today. So, my apologies for not being with you for this special service when we say farewell to our retiring Head Teachers. I pray that this service will be an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord Jesus for your service to our young people and to the life of our diocese. As you prepare for your coming retirement, may God bless you with good health and years of happiness.

*Dean Rogers Govender*

*All stand*

## **Hymn**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of his word;  
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

*Woodlands NEH 186*  
*Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)*

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)*  
*based on St Luke 1. 46-55*  
*in the New English Bible*

*The congregation remains standing*

### **Preces**

sung by the Choir  
*Judith Bingham (b 1952)*

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 congregation sits*

### **Psalms 42 & 43**

sung by the Choir

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks:  
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my meat day and night:  
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?  
Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself:  
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into  
the house of God;  
In the voice of praise and thanksgiving:  
among such as keep holy-day.  
Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul:  
and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God:  
 for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

My God, my soul is vexed within me:  
 therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of  
 Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes:  
 all thy waves and storms are gone over me.

The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time:  
 and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my  
 prayer unto the God of my life.

I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me:  
 why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword:  
 while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

Namely, while they say daily unto me:  
 Where is now thy God?

Why art thou so vexed, O my soul:  
 and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God:  
 for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my  
 countenance, and my God.

Give sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the  
 ungodly people:  
 O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from  
 thee:  
 and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me:  
 and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my  
 joy and gladness:  
 and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my  
 God.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul:  
 and why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God:  
 for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my  
 countenance, and my God.

*All 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.

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 40. 28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their  
strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*At the end*

Here ends the first lesson.

*The lesson is followed by a moment of silence for prayerful reflection.*

*All stand with the Choir.*

**Magnificat**

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.

*Service in E*  
*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*All sit*

## **Second Lesson**

Ephesians 3. 14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*At the end*

Here ends the second lesson.

*The lesson is followed by a moment of silence for prayerful reflection.*

*All stand with the Choir*

## **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.

*Service in E*

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*Remain standing*

## **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.**

**Lesser Litany, Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects**

sung by the Choir  
*Judith Bingham*

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

*All sit*

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 those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us:  
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the Queen;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ 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 of the day**

God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *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

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

*Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*Psalm 84. 1-2*

## Sermon

The Right Reverend Mark Davies  
Bishop of Middleton

*A period of silence is kept after the sermon for reflection.*

*All stand*

## Hymn

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

*Be Still CP 383*

*David J Evans*

*David J Evans (b 1957)*

*All sit*

## **Thanksgiving and farewells**

*After the hymn the Bishop of Middleton invites Deborah Smith, Diocesan Director of Education, to say a few words.*

*The Bishop of Middleton invites the retiring Headteachers to stand before him.*

### **Headteachers**

We give thanks to you, Lord for your faithfulness;  
for all the blessings we have received in our work,  
for the joy of serving your people,  
for all lessons learnt, for hopes fulfilled,  
and for all that has been  
accomplished through your grace.

### **Bishop Mark**

God of our beginnings and endings  
we ask your blessing as these headteachers retire.  
May the power of your presence  
bless this moment of their leave taking.  
Go before them, Lord, in all their doings  
with your most gracious favour,  
and further them with your continual help;  
that in all their works,  
begun, continued and ended in you,  
they may glorify your holy name  
and finally by your mercy  
obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

### **Verses from Psalm 121 are read**

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your  
shade at your right hand,  
so that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the  
moon by night.  
The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall  
keep your soul.  
The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and  
your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

## **Bishop Mark**

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make his face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
and give you his peace  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

*All return to their places*

## **The Prayers are led by The Rev'd Daniel Valentine.**

*The prayers conclude with the following;*

All           The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                  and the love of God,  
                  and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
                  be with us all evermore.  
                  Amen.

*All stand*

## **Hymn**

*During the hymn a collection will be taken to support the Cathedral's community work*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Slane NEH 239*

*Jan Struther (1901-53)*

*Traditional Irish Melody*

*Harmony by Erik Routley (1917-82)*

*All remain standing*

### **The Blessing**

The Rt Revd Mark Davies  
Bishop of Middleton

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

### **Music after the service**

Allegro cantabile, Symphony No 5

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*The congregation is invited to share in light refreshments after the service*



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