

Easter Sunday Festal Evensong & Procession



Sunday 9 April 2023
5.30pm

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Musicians

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

The organ is played by
Jed Hughes, Sydney Nicholson Organ Scholar

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music before the service

IV, 6 Studien in kanonischer Form, Op 56 *Robert Schumann (1810-56)*

Introit

sung by the Choir

Quem quaeritis in sepulchro,
O Christicolae?
Jesum Nazarenum crucifixum,
surrexit, non est hic;
Alleluia, Resurrexit Dominus,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Whom do ye seek in the sepulchre,
O followers of Christ?
Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified,
he is risen, he is not here.
Alleluia, risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

William Prendergast (1868-1933)

Please stand

Hymn

Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluia!

He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluia!

He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the Cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluia!

He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
Now in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluya!

Württemberg NEH 105

*Later form of a melody in Hundert Arien
Dresden 1694 adapted by
W H Monk (1823-89)*

German, Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534)

Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78)

Preces

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.

Humphrey Clucas (b 1941)

The Dean welcomes the congregation and introduces the psalm

The congregation sits

Psalm 66. 1-11

sung by the Choir

Robert Ashfield (1911-2006)

O be joyful in God, all ye lands:
sing praises unto the honour of his Name, make his praise
to be glorious.

Say unto God, O how wonderful art thou in thy works:
through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be
found liars unto thee.
For all the world shall worship thee:
sing of thee, and praise thy Name.
O come hither, and behold the works of God:
how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of
men.
He turned the sea into dry land:
so that they went through the water on foot;
there did we rejoice thereof.
He ruleth with his power for ever; his eyes behold the
people:
and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt
themselves.
O praise our God, ye people:
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;
Who holdeth our soul in life:
and suffereth not our feet to slip.
For thou, O God, hast proved us:
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.
Thou broughtest us into the snare:
and laidest trouble upon our loins.
Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads:
we went through fire and water, and thou broughtest us
out into a wealthy place.

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.

All sit

First Lesson

Song of Solomon 3. 2-5; 8. 6-7
read by Arabella Hamilton

'I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him, but found him not.
The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:
do not stir up or awaken love
until it is ready!

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.

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.

Collegium Regale
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Luke 1. 46-55

All sit

Second Lesson

Revelation 1. 12-18
read by Kathy England

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

Here ends the second lesson.

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.

*Collegium Regale
Charles Wood*

Luke 2. 25-32

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

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 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 King;
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 for Easter Day

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten
Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and
opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:
We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special
grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds
good desires, so by thy continual help we may
bring the same to good effect; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with
thee and the Holy Ghost, ever 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.*

Humphrey Clucas

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which according to his abundant mercy
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,
that fadeth not away,
reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God
through faith unto salvation
ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.
See that ye love one another.
Love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again,
not of corruptible seed,
but of incorruptible,
by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass,
and all the glory of man
as the flower of grass.
The grass withereth,
and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.
Amen.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

1 Peter 1. 3-5, 15, 17b, 22b, 23a, 24, 25a

The Sermon

The Dean

*During the following hymn members of the congregation follow the clergy to the
Resurrection Garden*

Hymn

*Hail thee, Festival Day, blest day that art hallowed for ever;
Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.*

Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter
arising,
Every good gift of the year, now with its Master returns.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Daily the loveliness grows, adorned with the glory of
blossom;
Green is the woodland with leaves, bright are the meadows
with flowers.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the ruler of all
things;
All things created on earth, worship the Maker of all.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Ill it beseemeth that thou, by whose hand all things are
encompassed,
Captive and bound should remain, deep in the gloom of the
rock.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Rise now, O Lord from the grave, and cast off the shroud
that enwrapped thee;
Leaving the caverns of death, show us the light of thy face.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

God of all pity and power, let thy word be assured to the
doubting;
Lo, he breaks forth from the tomb! See, he appears to his
own!

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Jesus, thou Health of the world, enlighten our minds, O
Redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme, only-begotten of God.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

So, shalt thou bear in thine arms an immaculate people to
heaven,

Bearing them pure unto God, pledge of thy victory here.

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Equal art thou, co-eternal, in fellowship One with the Father,
And with the Spirit of truth, God evermore to be blest!

Hail thee, Festival Day...

Salve Festa Dies (2) NEH 109
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Editors, based on the Latin of
Venatius Fortunatus (530-609)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28. 1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Prayer

The Dean We praise you and we bless you,
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for the love which drew Mary Magdalene to your tomb
to weep over your death.
As you broke into her grief with your death-shattering
life, so reach into our broken hearts with your
promise of hope.

To you, Lord Jesus,
reaching into the deepest tombs of our despair,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessing

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Dum transisset Sabbatum, Maria Magdalene et Maria Jacobi et
Salome emerunt aromata ut venientes ungerent Jesum.
Alleluia.

*And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the
mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they
might come and anoint him.*

Alleluia.

John Taverner (1490-1545)

Mark 16. 1

Music after the service

Vesper Voluntary No 8, Op 14

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

*The silver trumpets rang across the Dome:
The people knelt upon the ground with awe:
And borne upon the necks of men I saw,
Like some great God, the Holy Lord of Rome.
Priest-like, he wore a robe more white than foam,
And, king-like, swathed himself in royal red,
Three crowns of gold rose high upon his head:
In splendour and in light the Pope passed home.
My heart stole back across wide wastes of years
To One who wandered by a lonely sea,
And sought in vain for any place of rest:
"Foxes have holes, and every bird its nest,
I, only I, must wander wearily,
And bruise my feet, and drink wine salt with tears."*

Easter Day by Oscar Wilde (1854–1900)

