

**25 April 2021**

**17.00 CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Leader & Preacher: Jan Huber**

*Christina Edelen, Organ; Fiona Van Middelkoop & Kieren Hill, singers;  
Fred Edelen, Cello*

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *In Nomine, by Thomas Tonkins*

**OPENING HYMN** O Blest Creator (Episcopal 27)

1. O blest Creator of the light,  
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call  
The light from chaos first of all.

2. Whose wisdom joined in meet array  
The morn and eve, and named them day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears;  
Regard Thy people's prayers and tears.

3. Lest, sunk in sin, and whelmed with strife,  
They lose the gift of endless life;  
While thinking but the thoughts of time,  
They weave new chains of woe and crime.

4. But grant them grace that they may strain  
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast,  
And purge away each error past.

5. O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Seeing that we have a great high priest that is passed  
into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come  
boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain  
mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*Hebrews 4.14,16*

**INVITATION TO  
CONFESSION**

*Beloved, we are come together in the presence of  
almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to  
offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our  
worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make  
confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for  
ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness  
of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of  
his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things  
as their well-being doth require.*

*Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's  
presence with us now.*

**CONFESSION**

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like  
lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and  
desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against thy holy laws.**

**We have left undone those things which we  
ought to have done;**

**and we have done those things which we ought  
not to have done; and there is no health in us.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
miserable offenders.**

**Spare thou them, O God, which confess their  
faults. Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto  
mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.**

**And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,  
and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.**

**Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION** Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,  
to thy faithful people pardon and peace,  
that they may be cleansed from all their sins,  
and serve thee with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**THE LORD'S  
PRAYER** **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.**

**PRECES &  
RESPONSES**  
*(Tallis)* *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.**  
*(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.**  
*Praise ye the Lord.*  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

**PSALM**                      Psalm 81:8-16 *Double chant by Christina Edelen*

8. I proved ' thee ' also ;  
at the ' waters ' of ' strife.
9. Hear, O my people, and I will assure ' thee, O ' Israel ;  
if thou wilt ' hearken ' unto ' me,
10. There shall no strange god ' be in ' thee ;  
neither shalt thou worship ' any ' other ' god.
11. I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the ' land of '  
Egypt ;  
open thy mouth ' wide, and ' I shall ' fill it.
12. But my people would not ' hear my ' voice ;  
and ' Israel ' would not o'bey me.
13. So I gave them up unto their ' own hearts' ' lusts ;  
and let them follow their ' own i'magi'nations.
14. O that my people would have hearkened ' unto ' me ;  
for if ' Israel had ' walked in my ' ways,
15. I should soon have put ' down their ' enemies ;  
and turned my ' hand a'gainst their ' adversaries.
16. The haters of the Lord should have been ' found ' liars ;  
but their time ' should have en'dured for ' ever.

*Glory to the Father and ' to the ' Son ;*

*and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.*

*As it was in the beg'inning is ' now ;*

*and shall be for ' ever. ' A'men.*



6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

9 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.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> LESSON

*John 6:30-40*

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which [comes](#) down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup> for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

**NUNC DIMITTIS** 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
*Thomas Causton* according to thy word.  
 2 For mine eyes have seen :  
 thy salvation;  
 3 Which thou hast prepared :  
 before the face of all people;  
 4 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.

**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.**

## PRAYERS

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with thy spirit.**

*Let us pray. (kneel)*

**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.**

*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**

*Almighty God,  
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the  
 life:  
 raise us, who trust in him,  
 from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness,  
 that we may seek those things which are above,  
 where he 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**            *If ye love me, by Thomas Tallis*

**SERMON**           *Jan Huber*

**OFFERTORY**       CP 558 Peace, Prefect Peace

1 Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

2 Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

3 Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.

4 Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and he is on the throne.

5 It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
and Jesus call to heaven's perfect peace.

**ADDITIONAL**      *A prayer of St Chrysostom*  
**PRAYER**

*Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee;  
and dost promise  
that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name  
thou wilt grant their requests:  
fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants,  
as may be most expedient for them;  
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting.  
Amen.*

**CLOSING**            Most Holy God, and Lord of Heaven

**HYMN**

1. Most holy Lord and God of Heaven,  
Who to the glowing sky hast given  
The fires that in the east are born  
With gradual splendors of the morn;
  
2. Who, on the fourth day, didst reveal  
The sun's enkindled flaming wheel,  
Didst set the moon her ordered ways,  
And stars their ever winding maze;
  
3. That each in its appointed way  
Might separate night from day,  
And of the seasons through the year  
The well remembered signs declare;
  
4. Illuminate our hearts within,  
And cleanse our minds from stain of sin;  
Unburdened of our guilty load  
May we unfettered serve our God.
  
5. O Father, that we ask be done,  
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;  
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,  
Doth live and reign eternally.

**BLESSING**            The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the  
                                 love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy  
                                 Ghost, be with us all evermore.

**Amen**

**POSTLUDE**