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LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL



CHORAL EVENSONG

on the eve of the Feast of St Matthew

Wednesday 20th September 2023
4.00pm

Broadcast live on BBC Radio 3

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This service of Choral Evensong, marking the eve of the Feast of St Matthew, will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3, and will be available to listen to on BBC Sounds after the broadcast.

Everything you need to follow the service is in this booklet. Please join in the singing of the hymns, as well as the text printed in **Bold**.

Please follow the instructions to stand and sit only as you are able. If you are more comfortable remaining seated throughout the service, please do so.

Please be seated by 3:45pm, and wait quietly for the beginning of the service.

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MUSIC AT THIS SERVICE

The INTROIT, *Upon your heart*, was written by Canadian-born composer Eleanor Daley and is a setting of words from the Song of Solomon and the Gospel according to St John.

The RESPONSES were written by Humphrey Clucas whilst he was still an undergraduate student and Choral Scholar at King's College, Cambridge. They were later adapted for use with alternative prayer books, such as the 1984 Church in Wales Book of Common Prayer. This is the version used at today's service.

The CANTICLES are the setting written by Grayston Ives which were commissioned for the 1975 Edington Music Festival.

The ANTHEM is a setting by Kenneth Leighton of the Saints Day hymn by Isaac Watts, *Give me the wings of faith*. It was originally commissioned and performed for the Patronal Festival of the Church of St John the Baptist, Leytonstone, in June 1962.

The prayer MOTET is a setting of words by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, *He prayeth best who loveth best* by the Welsh composer Morfydd Owen. The translation of the text into Welsh was commissioned by the Cathedral for today's service.

The VOLUNTARY, *Creation Dance* by Neil Cox, was written in 2015. The composer reflects on this energetic work with words from Holst's *Hymn of Jesus*: 'Divine Grace is dancing – all things join in the dance!'

This service is sung by the Cathedral Choir, directed by Stephen Moore, *Director of Music*. The Organ is played by Aaron Shilson, *Assistant Director of Music*.

ORDER OF SERVICE

At 3.55pm, the choir and clergy process into the Cathedral. Please stand as they enter, and sit again as they sit.

Shortly before 4.00pm, the Choir will stand ready to sing the Introit. Please stand.

INTROIT

Choir Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love.
Love one another as I have loved you.
Then shall your joy be complete

Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Words: The Song of Solomon 8. 6, 7
& John 15. 9-12

Music: Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Please remain standing as words of welcome are offered by the Sub-Dean.

THE PRECES

The cantor and choir sing:

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Humphrey Clucas (b. 1941)

The Office Hymn is announced. Please remain standing to sing:



All Let the round world with songs rejoice;
Let heaven return the joyful voice;
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

Ye servants who once bore the light
Of Gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

Lower voices only

O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there;

Upper voices only

For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred:
O may thy healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore.

All

That when as judge thy Son shall come
To bring his ransomed peoples home,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in thy endless rest.

To God the Father; God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Be honour, praise and majesty,
Now and throughout eternity.



Words: Exultet caelum laudibus
translated by Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM
Percy Buck (1871-1947)

The psalmody appointed for the evening is announced. Please sit as the choir sings:

34 I will alway give thanks unto the Lord:
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me:
and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me:
yea he delivered me out of all my fears.

They looked unto him and were made glad:
and their faces were not ashamed.

Here is a poor man who cried and the Lord heard him:
yea and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord dwelleth round about them that fear him:
and delivereth them in time of need.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord ye that are his servants:
for they that fear him lack nothing.

They who trust in him do lack and suffer hunger:
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come ye children and hearken unto me:
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that delighteth to live:
and would fain see long life and prosperity?

Keep thy tongue from evil:
and thy lips that they speak no guile.

Depart from evil and do good:
seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous:
and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them:
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are broken in heart:
and will save such as be bruised in spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous:
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones:
so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly:
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants:
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be desolate.

Please stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

Chants: William Russell (1777-1813)
Edgar Day (1891-1983)

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Church The Old Testament reading is taken from the thirty-third chapter of the Book of
Warden the Prophet Isaiah, verses thirteen to seventeen. The Prophet outlines to his people
the consequences of turning their backs on God:

You who are far away, hear what I have done;
you who are near, acknowledge my power!
The sinners in Zion are terrified;
trembling grips the godless:
“Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?
Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?”
Those who walk righteously
and speak what is right,
who reject gain from extortion
and keep their hands from accepting bribes,
who stop their ears against plots of murder
and shut their eyes against contemplating evil—
they are the ones who will dwell on the heights,
whose refuge will be the mountain fortress.
Their bread will be supplied,
and water will not fail them.

Your eyes will see the king in his beauty
and view a land that stretches afar.

Here ends the First Lesson.

Isaiah 33. 13-17

Please stand:

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

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 showed 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.

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: The Edington Service
Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Theologian The New Testament reading is taken from the sixth chapter of Gospel of St Matthew, verses nineteen to thirty-four – part of Jesus' sermon on the mount.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

Matthew 6. 19-34

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand.

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 peoples.

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.

Words: Luke 2. 29

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please remain standing and face the High Altar:

Sub-Dean I believe in God

All **the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 is seated at 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 Spirit;
the Holy Catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The cantor and choir sing:

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Choir 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.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;

Choir And give his counsellors wisdom.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir And evermore mightily defend us.

Cantor Make clean our hearts, O God;

Choir And renew a right spirit within us.

THE COLLECTS

Cantor Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist: grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and selfish love of riches and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Hollalluog Dduw, ffynhonnell pob dymuniad sanctaidd, pob cyngor da, a phob gweithred gyfiawn: dyro i'th weision y tangnefedd na all y byd ei roddi; fel y bo i ni, gan ufuddhau i'th orchmynion, a'n gwared gennyt rhag ofn ein gelynion, dreulio ein hamser mewn heddwch a thangnefedd; trwy Iesu Grist ein Harglwydd.

Choir Amen.

Almighty 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cantor 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.

Choir Amen.

Choir Give me the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see the Saints,
how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
They wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears

I ask them whence their victory came;
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-88)

Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Chancellor Let us pray.

God of mercy, you find a place even with the rejected and the unclean; you called Matthew from the seat of custom; we ask for strength to hear your call and follow you wherever you will lead; to bring your grace and love into every human situation and to witness to your ways of generosity, justice and compassion.

All **Amen.**

Chancellor Lord, as you urged us to look at the birds and the wild flowers; give us hearts grateful for all your goodness, and wills steadfast to use this earth well, that the whole human race today and in future generations may respect, preserve and give thanks for the riches of your creation.

All **Amen.**

Chancellor Gracious Lord, as we think of your great love for us and of all you suffered for our sake, we bring before you the troubles of the world. We pray for reconciliation and peace in a world torn apart by conflict and violence; for an end to the barriers which divide us through fear, prejudice and greed. Guide Charles our King; grant wisdom to the members of the Senedd and the Westminster Parliament and to the leaders of the nations, that we may build a world in which all may flourish in security and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.

All **Amen.**

Chancellor Lord of compassion, you know all our needs; look in mercy on those who are sick or suffering in mind, body or spirit. By your grace may they be returned to fullness of life and health. Grant your blessing on those who care for the sick, disabled, elderly and frail, and work through them to heal and restore. Strengthen our trust in your unfailing love, our Saviour, Friend and Brother.

All **Amen.**

Chancellor Remember O Lord for good those who have gone before us into your nearer presence; grant us grace to let them go into new life and to trust your everlasting arms of mercy. Bring us to rejoice with them, with Matthew and all your saints, at your eternal banquet, through him who died and rose again for us.

All **Amen.**

The choir sings:

Ef gara popeth mawr a mân
Gweddïa orau'i gyd:
Gan mai'r un Duw â'n caraf oll
Greodd a chara'r byd.

*He prayeth best who loveth best
All creatures great and small:
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.*

Words: Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)
from The Rime of the Ancient Mariner
translated by Osian Edwards

Music: Morfydd Owen (1891-1918)

Chancellor We pray together:

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.**

The Hymn is announced. Please stand to sing:



All What debt of sin that none can pay
on Matthew's burdened conscience lay:
what longings deep within him stirred,
awakened at the Baptist's word,
to turn, and from his past be free,
when Jesus called him, 'Follow me!'

As in a dream, forsaking all,
he rose and answered Jesus' call.
By mountainside and shore and town
he set his Master's teaching down:
a coming Kingdom, known of old,
and in the Scriptures long foretold.

And we with Matthew hear and see
and walk with Christ in Galilee,
the Son at last of David's line,
the promised Saviour, King divine,
by whom alone are sins forgiven,
whose throne is evermore in heaven.

So may we follow Christ today,
his work to do, his word obey,
the Lord on whom our sins are laid,
by whom our debt is freely paid,
who died and rose and lives again:
O Son of Man, return and reign!

Please remain standing.

THE BLESSING

Sub-Dean God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;

And the ✠ blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always.

All **Amen.**

A ✠ bendith Duw hollalluog,
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda
chwi yn wastad.

Amen.

Please sit as the organ plays.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Creation Dance
Neil Cox (b. 1955)

The Organ Voluntary will be broadcast as part of the service. Please listen silently until it is finished. Then please stand as the choir and clergy process out of the cathedral.

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