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Festal Evensong

on

Easter Day

Sunday 31 March 2024

3.30 p.m.

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Voluntary Choral (from Symphonie Romane) *Charles-Marie Widor*

Please stand at the entry of the Choir and ministers

Easter Acclamations *Conrad Eden*

Christ the Lord hath risen indeed:
there is sprung up a light for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.
Alleluia.

This is the day which the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
Alleluia.

Tell it out among the nations
that the Lord hath reigned from the Tree.
Alleluia.

Hymn Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the Cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
From the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven
Here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel-hands be gathered,
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth

Lux EOI, Arthur Sullivan

Preces

Bernard Rose

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir 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.

Welcome

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

Please sit

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.

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.

Please sit

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

After a short silence, all stand with 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 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.

Please sit

Second Lesson**Luke 24: 13-35**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in

these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

After a short silence, all stand with 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.

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.**

The Lesser Litany, Responses and Collects

Bernard Rose

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Please kneel

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir 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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
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.

The Collect of 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.

The 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.

The 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.

Please sit

Anthem

Give unto the Lord

sung by the Choir

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty:
 give unto the Lord glory and strength.
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name:
 worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:
 the God of glory thundereth.
It is the Lord that ruleth the sea:
 the voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
 The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars:
 yea, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness,
 and strippeth the forests bare:
 in his temple doth everyone speak of his glory.
The Lord sitteth above the water-flood:
 and the Lord remaineth a king for ever.
The Lord shall give strength unto his people:
 the Lord shall give his people
 the blessing of peace.

from Psalm 29

Edward Elgar

Please kneel

Prayers and the Grace

The Very Reverend Dr Philip Plyming

Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

*French, Edmond Budry,
translated by Richard Hoyle*

MACCABAEUS, George Frederick Handel

Blessing

God the Father,
who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Final Responses

Bernard Rose

Cantor The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
 Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Choral-Improvisation sur le “Victimæ paschali”
 Charles Tournemire

We wish you a joyful and blessed Easter.

Daily services this week

At 8.30 a.m., **Morning Prayer** (live-streamed) is said in the Feretory from Monday to Saturday.

At 12.30 p.m., **Holy Communion** is celebrated each weekday at the High Altar. These services are not live-streamed.

At 5.30 p.m., **Evening Prayer** is said in the Quire on Monday and Friday, and **Evensong** is sung in the Quire on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday (live-streamed Monday to Friday).

Compline is said on Monday at 8.45 p.m. (live-streamed only).

Next Sunday—The Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday): **Holy Communion** (BCP) is celebrated at 8.00 a.m., the **Sung Eucharist** is celebrated at 10.00 a.m., **Morning Prayer with Address** is said in the Quire at 11.30 a.m., and **Evensong** is sung in the Quire at 3.30 p.m.

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