

Leading the service today: Amy Thomas, Koli Jayatunge, Ian Campbell, soloists; Sergio Marshall and Peter Reid, horns; Catherine Polglase, Gabriella Schuitemaker, violins; Matilda Griffiths, viola; Martin Griffiths, cello, Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 20th September: Ich bin der Herr, dein Arzt by J.G. Hoffmann

Afternoon tea can be purchased in the Cathedral centre from 3.45pm on Saturdays before Vespers, as part of seismic strengthening fundraising.

OPENING

PRELUDE: Largo and Sicilienne from Concerto in F for 2 horns by Telemann

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

We stand to sing

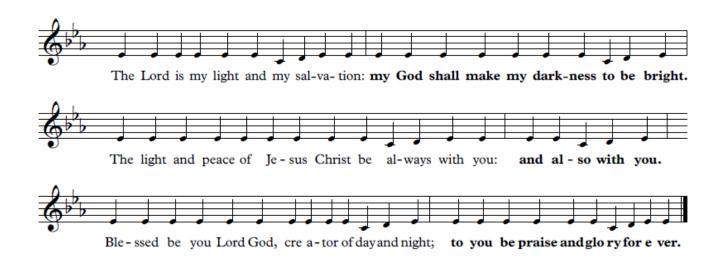
THE OPENING HYMN



Words: Latin, ninth century; trans. John Cosin, 162

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



As darkness falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ your living word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light, and sing your praise throughout the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.



Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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 Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance. As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please join in singing

PSALM 46



CHANT: MARTIN LUTHER

- 1 God is our hope and /strength: a very /present/ help in /trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the /earth be/ moved : and though the hills be carried /into. the/ midst of. the/ sea:
- 3 Though the waters thereof /rage and /swell: and though the mountains shake at the /tempest/ of the/ same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the/ city. of /God: the holy place of the tabernacle /of the/ most /Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she /not be re/moved : God shall /help her, and/ that right/ early.
- 6 The heathen make much ado, and the/kingdoms. are/moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the /earth shall/melt a/way.
- 7* The Lord of/ hosts is/ with us: the God of /Jacob/ is our/ refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the /works of. the /Lord : what destruction he hath /brought up/on the/ earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in /all the/ world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the /chariots/ in the /fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that /I am/ God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex/alted/ in the/ earth.
- 11 The Lord of /hosts is/ with us: the God of /Jacob/ is our refuge.

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. A/-men

WORD

We sit to hear THE FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS: 10: 6-13

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not

be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to

indulge in revelry." We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-

three thousand of them died. We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by

snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the

culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No

temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be

tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you

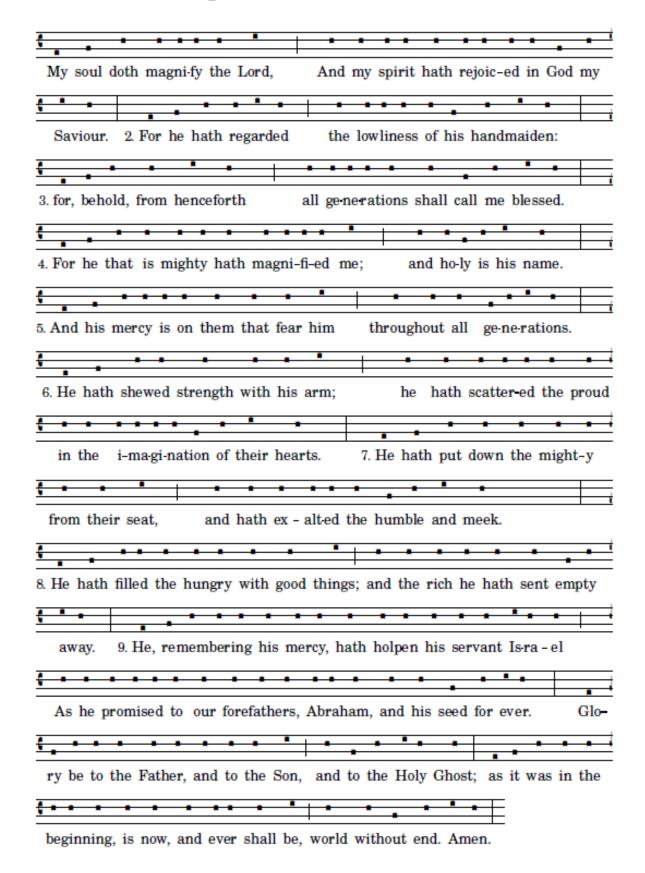
can endure it.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

Magnificat

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THE SECOND READING: LUKE: 16: 1-9

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

"Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Here ends the second Lesson **Thanks be to God**

THE CANTATA

- 1. **Dictum:** Do not be deceived! God will not be mocked. For whatever a man sows, that will he also reap. Whoever sows to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh. (Gal. 6: 7-8)
- 2. **Recitative:** Alas, many keep evil houses; they scatter God's goods upon the flesh to their detriment. You vain worldly-minded people, oh, stop flaunting, the Lord wants to be reckoned with. What you possess are God's gifts, they want to be well managed. He who scatters them he consecrates them to the service of sins -will find a poor harvest in that eternity.
- 3. **Aria:** Possessions, body, soul and life, all this God has given, poor man, consider this. What will your seed bear in those days: ears of corn or fallow grass?

- 4. **Recitative:** You who receive so much good from the Lord, the rich God, think what you do: the Lord will bring you to account. You can flaunt many goods, where do you scatter these treasures? On pleasure, on splendour, on vile vanity! But you leave the poor to starve. Have you never considered that God lends you such goods? If you scatter them thus, how will you not bind such poor sheaves to God's praise, oh no! to your destruction. Oh, do better, let yourselves be found faithful to God's goods.
- 5. **Duet:** God will certainly reckon with everyone; a faithful servant has praise and reward. Those who waste God's gifts brazenly and do not use them to praise the Lord will suffer wrath, punishment, mockery and torment in this time especially in eternity.
- 6. **Chorale:** Grant that I may do with diligence what it befits me to do, what Your command leads me to do in my condition! Grant that I may do it soon, at the time when I should, and when I do it, grant that it may be done well!

German text: Dr. Bernhard Schmitt https://christoph-graupner-gesellschaft.de

Response

Eternal spirit flow through our being and open our lips; That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

In response to tonight's cantata let us now stand and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead;

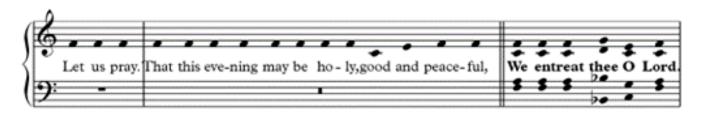
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel

The Lord be with you. And also with you

THE LITANY FOR PEACE



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill We entreat...

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences, We entreat...

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, We entreat...

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgement seat of Christ, **We entreat...**

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat...**

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. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

We stand to sing THE CLOSING HYMN





- 1 Be thou my guardian and my guide, and hear me when I call; let not my slippery footsteps slide, and hold me lest I fall.
- 2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell around the path I tread;
 O save me from the snares of hell, thou quickener of the dead.
- 3 And if I tempted am to sin, and outward things are strong, do thou, O Lord, keep watch within, and save my soul from wrong.
- 4 Still let me ever watch and pray, and feel that I am frail; that if the tempter cross my way, yet he may not prevail.

POSTLUDE: Fugue in D major – G.F. Handel

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at www.bcponline

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