



New College Chapel

# Freshers' Evensong

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

6.45 pm

Order of Service

# Welcome

Welcome to Evensong in New College Chapel. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer devised this service in 1549, fusing the monastic services of Vespers and Compline into a 'common' form of prayer for all Christians.

The introduction to evensong in the 1928 prayer book sums up what we are doing in this service: we offer our worship and praise and thanksgiving, we confess our sins, we pray for others and for ourselves, and we 'ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require'. In other words, we examine in love all that we need and all that we are, setting aside the cares of the world to reflect in the calm and stillness of the chapel. May you find hope and peace in this place where prayer has been valid for more than six centuries.

All members of college are very welcome at chapel services and this term they are just for you; we hope that it won't be long before you are able to bring friends and family. For the time being they can watch Sunday services on the [New College Choir channel on YouTube](#). This term our regular services with music will be:

Saturdays and Sundays, 5.45 evensong with the choristers

Tuesdays, 9.00pm Compline. 20 minutes of sublime music by the men of the choir, with a glass of prosecco or elderflower to ease the end of your day

Thursdays, 5.45 Sung Eucharist. The traditional service of mass, sung by the men of the choir

There is also a short simple service of daily prayer in the chapel at noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

There will be more information later in term about services for the Remembrance season and Christmas.

Blessings to you and those you love in this term like no other!

The Dean of Divinity

*Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 547.*

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

***Please stand*** as the clergy enter the chapel.

*Introit*

*John Blow (1648–1708)*

Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense:  
let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice.

*Psalm 141. 2*

***All sit***

*Welcome & Bidding Prayer*

*read by Rev Dr Erica Longfellow  
Dean of Divinity*

*The choir will sing the Opening Responses, to the setting by William Smith (1603–1645)*

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.

***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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

***All sit***

*Psalm 106. 1–6, 19–23*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy  
endureth for ever.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord : or shew forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that alway keep judgement : and do righteousness.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy  
people: O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and rejoice in the gladness of thy  
people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers : we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

They made a calf in Horeb : and worshipped the molten image.

Thus they turned their glory : into the similitude of a calf that eateth hay.

And they forgot God their Saviour : who had done so great things in Egypt;  
Wondrous works in the land of Ham : and fearful things by the Red sea.  
So he said, he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen  
stood before him in the gap : to turn away his wrathful indignation,  
lest he should destroy them.

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 Reading: Isaiah 25. 1 – 9*

*Read by Mr Steffen Ridderbusch  
President of the MCR Committee*

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  
For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.  
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*All stand*

*Magnificat*

*Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)*  
*Fauxbourdons Service*

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 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.

*All sit*

*Second Reading: Matthew 25. 1 – 12*

*Read by Dr Katie McKeogh*  
*Sir Christopher Cox Junior Fellow*

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it,

the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you."

***All stand***

*Nunc dimittis*

*Percy Whitlock (1903–1946)*  
*Fauxbourdons Service*

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.

***Remain standing and turn to the east to say:***

*The Creed*

Priest: 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 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, Lord's Prayer and Responses, sung to the setting by William Smith.*

Cantor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

*All sit or kneel*

Let us pray.

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 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.

*The Collects, beginning with the Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.*

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us thy gift of faith that, forsaking that which is behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of thy commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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.

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.

***All sit***

*The Anthem*

*Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)*

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

*Psalm 84. 1–2, 13*

*Sermon*

*Mr Miles Young, Warden of New College*

*Prayers*

*led by the Dean of Divinity*

***All stand***

*Blessing*

*the Dean of Divinity*

***Remain standing as the Dean of Divinity leaves the chapel.***

*Organ Voluntary*

*Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572*

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

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