



St Michael Cornhill

CHORAL EVENSONG

14 June 2021

FOLLOWING THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER
(1662)

In 1549 Archbishop Thomas Cranmer took several ancient monastic services and adapted them for his great Reformation project of a Book of Common Prayer. As well as translating the prayers from Latin into wonderfully resonant English, he intended Morning and Evening Prayer to expose the people of England to the words of Holy Scripture. The lessons followed sequentially through whole books of the Bible and, every year, covered the greater part of the Old Testament, and the New Testament more than twice.

Choral services have been central to the life of St Michael's for many centuries. We know that a choir of boys, professional lay clerks and chantry priests was singing three daily services as early as the year 1375. In 2021 the weekly Choral Evensong continues this ancient tradition. We still have a fine professional choir, and the historic organ has been magnificently restored. The music is enhanced by the church's inspirational acoustic and is partnered by the beautiful architecture.

As the congregation listens to clergy, readers and musicians, our prayer is that God's own divine gifts of music and language would enable His people to hear His life-giving voice.

Although the music of Choral Evensong exists to support the words and emotions of the service and not to be an end in itself, members of the congregation may be interested to read the brief notes on the choral settings.

WELCOME

PLEASE STAND

VERSICLES and RESPONSES

The Versicles & Responses were composed by Richard Ayleward (1626-69), who was organist of Norwich Cathedral. He came from a family of priests and church musicians, and is distantly related to Theodore Aylward, organist of St Michael's Cornhill from 1769 to 1781.

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.

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.

PLEASE SIT

PSALM 23

The choir will sing Psalm 47 to a chant by Peter Hurford (1930-2019), who directed the music at St Albans Abbey and was renowned for his superb playing of the organ music of J S Bach.

O CLAP your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody.

2 For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth.

3 He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet.

4 He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.

7 For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat.

9 The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham : for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

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

LESSON – John 10:11-21

¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

¹² But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

¹³ The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

¹⁵ As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

¹⁶ And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

¹⁷ Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

¹⁸ No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

¹⁹ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

²⁰ And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

²¹ Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

KJV

MAGNIFICAT

The words of the Magnificat (Luke 1: 46-55) are sung to the exciting and colourful musical setting in A major by Sir Charles Stanford (1852-1924). It was originally performed as a large-scale work for massed choral forces and sizeable orchestra at the 1880 Festival of the Sons of the Clergy in St Paul's Cathedral. Stanford was a volatile Irishman, who became Professor of Music at Cambridge, conductor of The Bach Choir in London, and an influential composition teacher at the Royal College of Music.

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

PLEASE STAND

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 and COLLECTS

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

PLEASE SIT or KNEEL

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.

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

ANTHEM

The Latin words of the anthem, *Sacerdotes Domini*, translate approximately
as:

*Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves of finest wheat to God:
and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most
holy name. Alleluia.*

The composer is the leading Tudor composer, William Byrd (1539-1623).

SERMON

VOLUNTARY

Tune in E (Sir George Thalben-Ball)

Played by Mr Jonathan Rennert.

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Services at St Michael's

Evensong services. From 21 June we will be fully live with choir in the building. We unfortunately won't be able to live stream these services. Please see the website for details of our covid secure measures.

Autumn evensong 18 Oct – 6 Dec 2021

Monday Lunchtime recitals are also happening online only. Please visit the [website](#) for more details.

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