



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 30th January 2022

3.30pm

The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany

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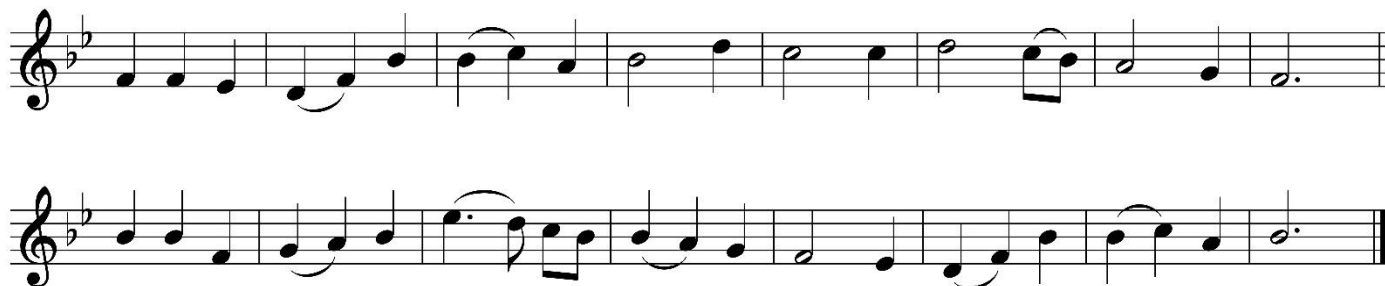
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Organ Prelude: Preludio 'Sine Nomine' *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Please stand to sing **HYMN 336***:



**Jesus, where'er thy people meet,
there they behold thy mercy-seat
where'er they seek thee, thou art found,
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**For thou, within no walls confined,
inhabitest the humble mind;
such ever bring thee where they come,
and going, take thee to their home.**

**Here may we prove the power of prayer
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,
to teach our faint desires to rise,
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

Words: William Cowper (1731-1800)

Tune NEH 428: WARRINGTON Ralph Harrison (1748-1810)

Please remain standing for the **OPENING RESPONSES:**

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Setting: Bernard Rose (1916-96)

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 147:**

Praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God:
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem:
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart:
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars:
and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power:
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek:
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving:
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth:
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use
of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle:
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse:
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him:
and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem:
praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates:
and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders:
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth:
and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool:
and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels:
who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them:
he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob:
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation:
neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

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.

Chant: John Bertalot (b.1931)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** I Chronicles 29:6-19

The leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the LORD; King David also rejoiced greatly.

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.'

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **MAGNIFICAT**:*

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.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA**:*

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.

Setting: Evening Service 'Collegium Regale', Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON**: Acts 7:44-50*

Stephen, addressing the Sanhedrin, said: 'Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, who found favour with God and asked that he might find a dwelling-place for the house of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him.'

'Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by human hands; as the prophet says,

"Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord,
or what is the place of my rest?

Did not my hand make all these things?"

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **NUNC DIMITTIS:***

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.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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.

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*Standing, we face east to recite the **APOSTLES' 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 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 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir:

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.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

The choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

When He is King we will give him the King's gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes", said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

*Words: Bruce Blunt (1899-1957)
Music: Peter Warlock (1894-1930)*

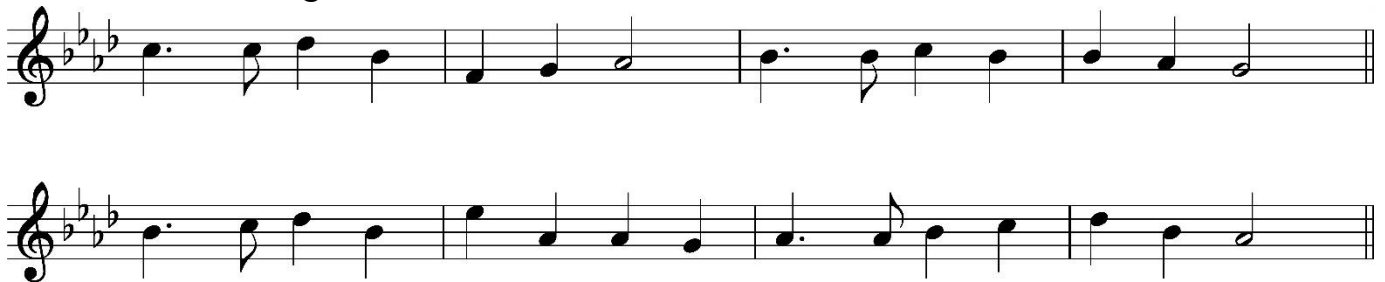
Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM:**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

All respond: **Amen.**

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.

Please stand to sing **HYMN 660***:



**Thine for ever! God of love,
hear us from thy throne above;
thine for ever may we be,
here and in eternity.**

**Thine for ever! Lord of life,
shield us through our earthly strife;
thou the Life, the Truth, the Way,
guide us to the realms of day.**

**Thine for ever! O how blessed
they who find in thee their rest!
Saviour, Guardian, heavenly Friend,
O defend us to the end.**

Words: Mary F. Maude (1819-1913)

Tune NEH 463 2nd : NEWINGTON William D. Maclagan (1826-1910)

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

Response: **Amen.**

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Postlude: Paeon *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

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'Let us Dream': Common Ground, Common Good

The Opening Event of the 10th Annual '4 Corners Festival'
with Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis.

Free admission by downloading tickets from:

www.4cornersfestival.com

Doors open from 6.30pm

Services Sunday 6th February 2022: The Fourth Sunday before Lent

11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Melanie Sloane, Ordinand, Church of Ireland Theological Institute

3.30pm Good Samaritans Service

Distribution of monies raised during the Black Santa Sit Out Appeal 2021

Revision of the Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members

The Cathedral Register of General Vestry Members is now open for revision. If you have subscribed to cathedral parish finances in the past year through Free Will Offering, Standing Order, Cheque or Credit Card, and are over 18 you are eligible to register. Please complete one of the Registration Forms at the West End as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.

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