

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

**Choral Evensong on
The National Day of Reflection
marking the first anniversary
of the first Lockdown period**

**Tuesday 23rd March 2021
5.45pm**

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Choral Evensong is sung by the Lay Clerks of the Cathedral, directed by the Director of Music, Mr Mark Duthie.

The organ is played by the Assistant Organist, Mr Edward Taylor.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

The Dean welcomes the congregation.

HYMN

We give them back (NEH 458 t: Surrey)

We give them back to you O Lord
those whom we loved - but could not hold.
We dare to trust they weren't alone,
for all are yours and all are known.
Through nursing care, we understand,
you sat beside them, held their hand.

We thank you for the angels there,
who day and night fulfilled our prayer:
to hear their sighs in whispered breath
and speak your peace to ease their death.
We leave them in your warm embrace
now raised to life within your grace.

We could not mourn as others may
nor offer all we hoped to say.
We could not gather all as one
to toast their name or sing their song.
Yet at your table now they dine
and with us join in bread and wine.

THE OPENING RESPONSES

sung by the Priest and Lay Clerks.

V O Lord, open thou our lips.

R And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V O God, make speed to save us.

R O Lord, make haste to help us.

V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost;

R As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

V Praise ye the Lord.

R The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM 61 *sung by the Lay Clerks*

Hear my crying, O God : give ear unto my prayer. From the ends
of the earth will I call upon thee : when my heart is in heaviness.
O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I : for thou hast
been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever : and my trust shall be under
the covering of thy wings. For thou, O Lord, hast heard my
desires : and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
Thou shalt grant the King a long life : that his years may endure
throughout all generations. He shall dwell before God for ever :
O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may
preserve him. So will I always sing praise unto thy Name :
that I may daily perform my vows.

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43: 1-7 (NRSV)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

THE MAGNIFICAT *sung by the Lay Clerks*

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden. 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.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 32 – 12: 2 (NRSV)

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS *sung by the Lay Clerks.*

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

**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 Priest and Clerks sing:

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy spirit.

V Let us pray.

We kneel or sit as the priest and choir sing:

V Lord, have mercy upon us.

R Christ, have mercy upon us.

V 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.

V O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R And grant us thy salvation.
V O Lord, save the Queen.
R And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
R And make thy chosen people joyful.
V O Lord, save thy people.
R And bless thine inheritance.
V Give peace in our time, O Lord.
R Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
V O God, make clean our hearts within us.
R And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

We beseech thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

The Lay Clerks sing the Anthem. There is a time of prayer between each part of the anthem.

THE ANTHEM:

The Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet II

De lamentatione Ieremiae prophetae:
From the lamentation of Jeremiah the prophet:

GIMEL. Migrauit Iuda propter afflictionem ac multitudinem servitutis, habitavit inter gentes, nec invenit requiem.

Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; she dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest.

DALETH. Omnes persecutores eius apprehenderunt eam inter angustias. [Viae Sion] lugent, eo quod non sint qui veniant ad solemnitatem. Omnes portae eius destructae, sacerdotes eius gementes, virgines eius squalidae, et ipsa oppressa amaritudine.

All her persecutors overtook her within the straits. [The ways of Zion] they mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly. All her gates are desolate, her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

HETH. Facti sunt hostes eius in capite, inimici illius locupletati sunt; quia Dominus locutus est super eam propter multitudinem iniquitatum eius: parvuli eius ducti sunt captivi ante faciem tribulantis. Ierusalem, Ierusalem, convertere ad Dominum Deum tuum.

Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper; for the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions; her children are gone into captivity before the adversary. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return unto the Lord thy God.

HYMN

Lord help us on our lonely road
to voice the grief and share our load.
You know the pain the fear the loss:
you held our wounds upon your cross,
then rose, still scarred, to life reborn.
In us, let hope, new purpose dawn.

We give them back to you and trust
your love that gave them each to us.
You did not lose them when they came
nor we, in letting go again.
Help us to see we're all but one
that death's defeated, love has won.

Creator, Spirit, Word made flesh
in you is life, and all is blest.
Receive our prayer and bring us home
by love transformed, your image own.
With all your saints who've gone before
to worship you for evermore.

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THE BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Assistant Organist plays:

Howells: *Rhapsody no. 3*