

Choral Evensong sung by Choral Voices

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Nieuwe Kerk, May 21st 2017

PRELUDE

improvisation

- Please stand when the Choir and Minister enter the Church-

THE INTROIT

(sung by the Choir; the congregation may be seated)

Hail, gladdening Light – Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)
Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured
Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!
Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!
Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.
Words from John Keble (1792-1866)
translated from the early Christian hymn Φως ιλαρον.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy has begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead *1 Peter 1,3*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us pray in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

All:

Almightv and most merciful Father, we have erred, and straved from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord,

to thy faithful people pardon and peace,

that they may be cleansed from all their sins,

and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 **PRECES** (sung by the Choir) William Smith of Durham (1603-1645)

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.

- Please 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

PSALM OF THE DAY

(sung by the Choir; the congregation may be seated)

Psalm 73, 21 - 28. Robert William Liddle (1864-1917)

Thus my heart was grieved and it went even through my reins. So foolish was I, and ignorant even as it were a beast before thee. Nevertheless, I am alway by thee for thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and after that receive me with glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. My flesh and my heart faileth but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. For Io, they that forsake thee shall perish thou hast destroyed all them that commit fornication against thee. But it is good for me to hold me fast by God, to put my trust in the Lord God and to speak of all thy works in the gates of the daughter of Sion.

- At the end of the psalm, 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Introduction; the congregation may be seated

Job 14, 1 – 2, 7 – 15; 19, 23 – 27a (NIV)

- 14, 1 "Mortals, born of woman, are of few days and full of trouble.
- 2 They spring up like flowers and wither away; like fleeting shadows, they do not endure.
- 7 "At least there is hope for a tree: If it is cut down, it will sprout again, and its new shoots will not fail.
- 8 Its roots may grow old in the ground and its stump die in the soil,
- 9 yet at the scent of water it will bud and put forth shoots like a plant.
- 10 But a man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last and is no more.
- 11 As the water of a lake dries up or a riverbed becomes parched and dry,
- 12 so he lies down and does not rise; till the heavens are no more, people will not awake or be roused from their sleep.
- 13 "If only you would hide me in the grave and conceal me till your anger has passed!
- If only you would set me a time and then remember me!
- 14 If someone dies, will they live again? All the days of my hard service I will wait for my renewal[b] to come.
- 15 You will call and I will answer you; you will long for the creature your hands have made.
- 19, 23 "Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,
- 24 that they were inscribed with an iron tool on[a] lead, or engraved in rock forever!
- 25 I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

- 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, Yet in my flesh I will see God;
- 27 I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!
- Please stand for the -

HYMN

When Jesus comes in gloryAURELIAVerses 1, 3 and 4 sung by all, verse 2 by the Choir



2.His voice like rushing waters / Will reach with mighty sound Into the deepest quarters / Of all creation round;And at this wondrous greeting / The dead in Christ shall rise,Their Lord and Saviour meeting, / In glory in the skies.3.And we who are believing, / And His appearing love,

Shall know we are receiving / His glory from above; His resurrection power / Will raise us to the place Where we that wondrous hour / Shall see Him face to face.

4.0 hasten Thine appearing, / Thou Bright and Morning Star! Lord, may we soon be hearing / The trumpet sound afar; Thy people are all yearning / To be Thy raptured bride, And at Thine own returning / Be caught up to Thy side.

- Please remain standing for the -

MAGNIFICAT

in G-major – Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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. Luke 1, 46-55 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Introduction; the congregation may be seated

1 Thessalonians 4, 13 - 18 (NIV)

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

- Please stand for the -

NUNC DIMITTIS

in G-major - Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

Luke 2, 29-32

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

All:

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 hence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holv Ghost; the holv catholic Church: the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

RESPONSES (sung by the Choir; the congregation may be seated) William Smith of Durham including a setting of The Lord's Prayer by Robert Stone (1516-1613) The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. 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 King. 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 Collect of the Day

God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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. Amen The 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. Amen

THE ANTHEM

(Sung by the Choir)

A Gaelic Blessing - John Rutter (*1945) Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

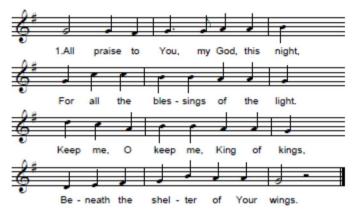
INTERCESSIONS

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer (...) through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- please stand for the – FINAL HYMN

All praise to you TALLIS CANON

(Verses 1,3 and 4 sung by all, verse 2 sung by the Choir)



2 Forgive me, Lord, for this I pray, The wrong that I have done this day. May peace with God and neighbor be, Before I sleep restored to me.

3 Lord, may I be at rest in You And sweetly sleep the whole night thro'. Refresh my strength, for Your own sake, So I may serve You when I wake.

4 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Words by Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music by Thomas Tallis (1552-1585)

THE CONCLUSION

All: *The grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen

POSTLUDE

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