



CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

5:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Choral Evensong

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THE PROCESSION ENTERS THE NAVE.

INTROIT

Henry Ley

A Prayer of King Henry VI

Domine, Jesu Christe, qui me creasti, redemisti,
et preordinasti ad hoc quod sum;
tu scis quid de me facere vis;
fac de me secundum voluntatem tuam cum misericordia. Amen.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast created and redeemed me,
and hast foreordained me unto that which now I am;
thou knowest what thou wouldst do with me;
do with me according to thy will in thy mercy. Amen.*

-King Henry VI

Also known as the “Founder’s Prayer,” the text for *A Prayer of King Henry VI* was written for Eton College, which was founded by King Henry VI in 1440. The prayer is also widely used at King’s College, Cambridge, founded by the King one year later in 1441. Dr. Ley set the text to music while he served at Eton College. Though written in 1928, the music is reminiscent of earlier styles; its modality is fitting to the antiquity of the original text.

HYMN NO. 24

St. Clement

OPENING SENTENCES

Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun.

-Psalm 19:4

CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYER BOOK, PAGE 62

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed 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.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who 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.**

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE PRECES

Bernard Rose

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

Precentor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Precentor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor: 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.

Precentor: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

THE PEOPLE SIT.

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.
- 37 O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.
- 38 O stablish thy word in thy servant,
that I may fear thee.
- 39 Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of;
for thy judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, my delight is in thy commandments;
O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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.

A READING FROM THE SECOND EPISTLE OF ST. TIMOTHY.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (3:14-17)

Here endeth the Reading.

MAGNIFICAT IN A-FLAT

Basil Harwood

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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 showed 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.

-*Luke 1:46-55*

Basil Harwood (1859-1949) retired at the early age of 50 from his posts as Organist of Christ Church, Oxford and Precentor at Keble College, Oxford to devote the rest of his life to composition. His *Evening Service in A-flat* is among the most widely sung canticles in the Anglican choral tradition. Its tuneful Victorian quality heightens the exuberance and quiet joy associated with Mary and Simeon in the two Luke passages.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW.

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. ¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (9:9-13)

Here endeth the Reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN A - FLAT

Basil Harwood

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

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.

-Luke 2:29-32

THE PEOPLE STAND.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**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 RESPONSES

Bernard Rose

SUNG BY THE CHOIR.

Precentor: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Precentor: Let us pray.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor: O Lord, save the State.

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

Precentor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

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

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the witness of thine apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of thy Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A 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 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 Savior. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST 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 Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THE PEOPLE SIT.

THE WELCOME

ANTHEM

Caroline Shaw

and the swallow

How beloved is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts.
My soul yearns, faints,
my heart and my flesh cry out.
The sparrow found a house,
and the swallow, her nest,
where she may raise her young.
They pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

-Psalm 84:1-3, 6

Caroline Shaw (b. 1982) is the youngest recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Music. She composed *and the swallow* in 2017 as a commission from New York's Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts for a festival of newly-composed choral settings of all 150 Psalms. Shaw is known for using extended vocal techniques in her choral music, one of which is heard at the conclusion of her setting of Psalm 84, where the choir mimics the sound of the "autumn rains".

THE PEOPLE KNEEL.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

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.**

THE PEOPLE STAND.

HYMN NO. 34

Innisfree Farm

VOLUNTARY

Prélude, from *Trois Improvisations*

Nadia Boulanger

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE PROCESSION LEAVES THE NAVE.

IF YOU DESIRE, KNEEL FOR A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER.

MUSIC DEDICATION

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A-Flat, *composed by Basil Harwood,*
have been placed in the Cathedral Music Library by the Agricola Family
in honor of Samuel E. Urmev.

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*Come to me,
all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11.28

The Church of the Advent was founded with the City of Birmingham in 1872.

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