Choral Evensong

From the Chapel of
St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

Easter Term
23rd May 2021

Jesus said, ‘When two or three are gathered in my name,
I will be in the midst of them’.

We are able to have a small in-person congregation for all Chapel services this term. Attendance in person will always be subject to the Chapel’s risk-assessed capacity, but we hope to be able to accommodate everyone who would like to attend without having to use a booking system. Please keep to the seating plan to ensure that we maintain social distance – members of the same household are welcome to sit together. Please also wear a mask while you are in Chapel and make use of the hand sanitizer.

This service will be livestreamed for the benefit of those who cannot be here in person. If you would rather not appear on camera, please feel welcome to choose a seat nearer the back of the Chapel.

Details of services and music, and youtube links to livestreamed and pre-recorded services are found on the Chapel website: www.caths.cam.ac.uk/chapelservices

All suggestions about posture (sit, stand, kneel) are optional; you are invited to join in with the words in bold if you wish to do so.

Please remain seated as the Chaplain and Choir enter and take their places.
The Chaplain welcomes the congregation, both online and in person.

**THE OFFICE HYMN**

_Thou who camest from above_

_Sung by the Choir_

**INTRODUCTION**

Chaplain: 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 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 people such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us remember God's presence with us now.

*Please remain seated*

**THE PREGCES**

Chaplain: O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Chaplain: O God, make speed to save us,
Choir: O Lord make haste to help us.

Chaplain: 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.

Chaplain: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord’s name be praised.

*Remain seated for the psalmody*
THE PSALMODY

Psalm 139.1-11, sung by the Choir to a plainchant setting

Please remain seated for the first Lesson.

THE FIRST LESSON

The Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 10, beginning at the 12th verse

Please stand while the Choir sing the Magnificat

THE MAGNIFICAT

Wood in D

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 blesséd.
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 sit for the Second Lesson.

THE SECOND LESSON

The Gospel according to St Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at the first verse.
Please stand while the Choir sings the Nunc Dimittis

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Wood in D*

LORD, now letest 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**

You are invited to remain standing, turn east (towards the altar) and say the words of the creed together, if you wish to do so.

Chaplain: I believe in God
All: 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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Please kneel or sit
**The Prayers**

Chaplain: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Chaplain: Let us pray
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
      Christ have mercy upon us.
      Lord, have mercy upon us.
Chaplain: O God, make clean our hearts within us,
Choir: And take not thy holy spirit from us.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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.

**The Suffrages**

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

Chaplain: God, who as at this time didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit; Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end.

Choir: Amen.

Chaplain: 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.

Chaplain: 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.

Please sit while the choir sings the Anthem

ANTHEM

Edward Elgar, The Spirit of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give unto them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

Isaiah 61 vv. 1–3, 11
Please remain seated for the Address

THE ADDRESS
Lex Bradley-Stow (Ordinand from Ridley Hall)
Continuing our sermon series on ‘words for our times’

THE INTERCESSIONS

THE COLLEGE COLLECT

All: O Everlasting God,
with whom a thousand years are but as one day,
and in whose name are treasured here
the memorials of many generations:
grant to us whom thou hast made members of this College,
such measures of grace and wisdom,
that we may neglect no portion of our manifold inheritance,
but may guard and use it to thy glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GRACE

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.

Please stand

THE CHORAL DISMISSAL

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

THE BLESSING

Chaplain: 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 Ghost,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.
**THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

The livestream will continue until the voluntary is finished; you are encouraged to stay and listen.

Thank you for coming to this service, in person or online. We hope you will join us again:

**Sundays 10am**  **Holy Communion**  
a simple, said service followed by brunch (in-person only)

**Sundays 5.30pm**  **Choral Evensong**  
with music from the Chapel Choir (in-person and streamed)

**Tuesdays 6.30pm**  **Luminaria**  
with music from the Girls’ Choir (in-person and livestreamed)

**Thursdays 9.30pm**  **Night Songs**  
with music from the Chapel Choir, (in-person and streamed)  
On Thursday 3rd June, Night Songs will be replaced with a **College Eucharist** at 6pm