LUMINARIA
from the Chapel of St Catharine’s College, Cambridge

8th June 2021
Including the induction of choristers, and senior choristers, and the award of the Dale Reed Memorial Prizes

inter quos lucetis sicut luminaria in mundo
in which you shine like lights in the world.

Philippians 2:15
The Chaplain welcomes those joining in person and online.

The Chaplain says the Opening prayer:

Blessèd art thou, Sovereign God, creator of light and darkness!
As evening falls, thou dost renew thy promise to reveal among us the light of thy presence.
May thy word be a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path, that we may behold thy glory coming among us.
Strengthen us in our stumbling weakness and free our tongues to sing thy praise, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All respond:
Blessèd be God for ever!

The Gospel Candle is lighted; the Choir sings Phos Hilaron, the Hymn to the Light

GREKHE HYMN TO THE LIGHT
Phos Hilaron

Φῶς ἱλαρὸν ἁγίας δόξης ἁθανάτου Πατρός, οὐρανίου, ἁγίου, μάκαρος, Ἰησοῦ Χριστέ, ἐλθόντες ἐπὶ τὴν ἡλίου δύσιν, ἑιδόντες φῶς ἐσπερινόν, ὑμνοῦμεν Πατέρα, Υἱόν, καὶ ἄγιον Πνεύμα, Θεόν. ἄξιόν σε ἐν πάσι καιροῖς ὑμνεῖσθαι φωναῖς αἰσίαις, Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ζωὴν ὁ διδοὺς· διὸ ὁ κόσμος σὲ δοξάζει.  

O joyful Light of the holy glory of the immortal, heavenly, holy, blessed Father, O Jesus Christ, having come to the setting of the sun, having beheld the evening light, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God. Meet it is at all times that thou be hymned with auspicious voices, O Son of God, giver of life, wherefore the whole world doth glorify thee.
The Officiant says:
Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

All repeat:
Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord, I call to thee, come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry unto thee.
Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness.
But my eyes are turned unto thee, Lord God,
in thee do I take refuge; do not leave me defenceless.

Let my prayer rise before thee as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Words from Psalm 141

As thy word, O Lord, gives light to our path, may we behold the glory of thy presence and so rejoice to sing thy praise, now and for ever. Amen.

All remain standing

THE OPENING RESPONSES

Officiant  O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir     And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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

Officiant  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.

Officiant  Praise ye the Lord.
Choir     The Lord’s name be praised.
All remain standing for the hymn.

THE HYMN
Sung by the Choir

Lord, thy word abideth,
And our footsteps guideth,
Who its truth believeth,
Light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
Then thy word doth cheer us,
Word of consolation,
Message of salvation.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succor to the living;
Word of life, supplying
Comfort to the dying.

When the storms are o’er us,
And dark clouds before us,
Then its light directeth,
And our way protecteth.

O that we discerning
Its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
Evermore be near thee.

Words: H W Baker
NEH 407

After the hymn, please sit for the Psalm.

THE PSALM
Sung by the choir,
beginning and ending with a Latin Antiphon

Mirabilia opera tua Domine, et anima mea cognoscit nimis.
Marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous *
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Praise the Lord with harp *
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
Sing unto the Lord a new song *
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
For the word of the Lord is true *
and all his works are faithful.
He loveth righteousness and judgement *
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made *
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap *
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
Let all the earth fear the Lord *
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
For he spake, and it was done *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought *
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.
The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever *
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah *
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men *
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
He fashioneth all the hearts of them *
and understandeth all their works.
There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host *
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man *
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him *
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
To deliver their soul from death *
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord *
for he is our help, and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in him *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us *
like as we do put our trust in thee.

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 remain seated.

THE INDUCTION OF CHORISTERS

The Choristers stand before the altar facing the Chaplain and the Master.

The Chaplain says:
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Praise God who made heaven and earth
who keeps his promise for ever.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
for his mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Creator of all things and Fountain of all goodness, we
come before you as children of light offering ourselves in humility and
worship before you. Pour your blessing upon those who are called to serve
you with the gift of music that in all they do they may glorify your name
and by their devotion and skill draw others into the embrace of your love;
this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Chaplain says to the Choristers:
Will you promise to use the gifts and skills that you have been given to
honour the name of the Lord our God, to enrich the worship of this Chapel
of St Catharine, and faithfully to fulfil all that is asked and required of you?
By the help of God, I will.

The Choristers are given their surplices, and put them on.
They then return to their places.
THE AWARDING OF MEDALS

The Chaplain’s Chorister and Master’s Chorister come forward

The Chaplain says to the Chaplain’s Chorister(s):
Will you endeavour to exercise diligence in the leadership of this Choir, leading others by your good example?
By the help of God, I will.
Receive this badge, a symbol of your service, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Chaplain places the medallion around the neck of the Chaplain’s Chorister(s).
The Chaplain’s Chorister(s) bow(s) to the Chaplain.

The Master says to the Master’s Chorister:
Will you endeavour to exercise responsibility in the leadership of this Choir, to lead others by your good example, to encourage, nurture and care for those committed to your charge, and to respect the authority of those set over you?
By the help of God, I will.

Receive this badge, a symbol of your service, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Master places the medallion around the neck of the Master’s Chorister.
The Master’s Chorister(s) bow(s) to the Master.
The Choristers, Master and Chaplain return to their places.

THE AWARDING OF PRIZES

As the result of a generous bequest by Professor John Reed, in memory of his wife Dale Reed, we are able to award two prizes for exceptional contribution to the Girls’ Choir over the year. One prize is awarded for service as a probationer, and the other to a chorister.
Circumstances mean that these delayed presentations relate to the year 2019-2020.

As Director of Music, it is my great pleasure to award the inaugural Dale Reed Memorial Prizes to Tegan Carr and Flora Harrison.

The Choristers and Director of Music return to their places.
Please remain seated for the Reading.

THE READING

This term we are reading excerpts from Jesus’ sermon on the mount (from Matthew’s gospel)

Jesus said, ‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your name.
    Your kingdom come.
    Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
    Give us this day our daily bread.
    And forgive us our debts,
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.
    And do not bring us to the time of trial,
    but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6.7-15

At the end of the reading:
Reader: Thanks be to God.

THE GREAT SILENCE

Two minutes of silence is kept for reflection and private prayer.
Please stand for the Canticle:

**THE CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT**

C V Stanford

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. 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.

*After the Canticle, please kneel or sit for the Prayers of Intercession*

**THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*At the end of each petition:*

Minister Lord, in thy mercy

All hear our prayer.

*At the end of the Prayers, all say together:*

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 sit while the choir sings the Anthem*
THE ANTHEM

Ave Verum
Gabriel Fauré

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie, O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.

After the Anthem, all stand as a sign of the resurrection

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Chaplain As our Saviour Jesus Christ taught us, so we pray:

All 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.
THE FINAL RESPONSES

Officiant  Vouchsafe, O Lord:
Choir     To keep us this night without sin.

Officiant  O Lord, have mercy upon us:
Choir     Have mercy upon us.

Officiant  O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us:
Choir     As our trust is in thee.

Officiant  Turn us again, thou Lord of hosts:
Choir     Show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Officiant  O Lord, hear our prayer:
Choir     And let our cry come unto thee.

Officiant  The Lord be with you:
Choir     And with thy spirit.
Officiant  Let us pray.
            Give us light in the night season, we beseech thee, O Lord,
            And grant that our rest may be without sin,
            And our waking to thy service;
            That we may come in peace and safety
            To the waking of the great day
            Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
            Amen.

Officiant  Let us bless the Lord.
Choir     Thanks be to God.

Officiant  The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.
Choir     Amen.

All remain standing.

The Choir and Officiant move to gather around the Gospel Candle.
Greek Hymn

...σιγάτω
μηδ’ ἀστρα φαεσφόρα λαμπέσθων,
[ἀπολειπόντων ὑπαί πνοιῶν, πηγαί]
pοταμών ὁθίων πᾶσαι.
γνωστῶν δ’ ἡμῶν Πατέρα χ’ Ἡιὸν χ’ Ἅγιον Πνεῦμα,
pᾶσαι δυνάμεις ἐπιφωνούντων, ἀμήν, ἀμήν.
κράτος, αἶνος ἀεὶ καὶ δόξα Θεῷ
dωτῆρι μόνῳ πάντων ἀγαθῶν: ἀμήν, ἀμήν.

...Let [everyone] be silent
and let the luminous stars not shine,
[let the rushing of the winds and] all [the sources]
of the noisy rivers [die down].
And as we hymn Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
let all the powers add: ‘Amen, Amen;
might, praise forever, and glory to God
the sole giver of good things; Amen, Amen.’

3rd Century AD

Fragment from papyrus discovered at Oxyrhynchus, Egypt
This ancient text is incomplete. Where there are gaps, phrases that would fit the grammar and the sense have been added to the text in square brackets. These phrases are not sung, but are included in the translation.

The Gospel Candle is extinguished.
The Chaplain leaves the Chapel in silence.
After a few moments, the congregation depart quietly.