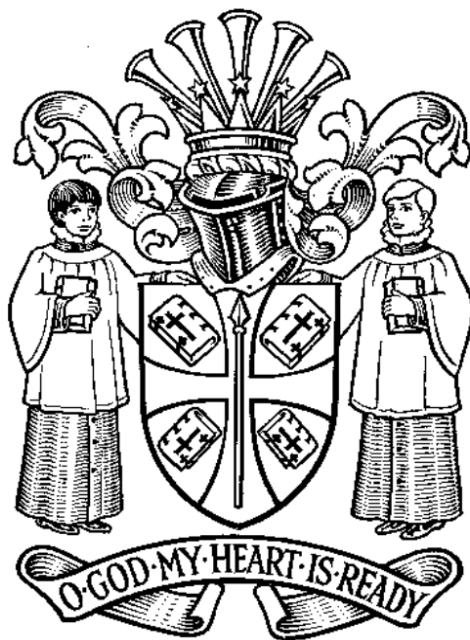


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SUNG BY THE GENTLEMEN OF THE CHOIR



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PRELUDE 'Omnipotens sermo tuus' (from Six Antiennes pour les temps de Noel) Marcel Dupré
(1886-1971)

The People stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES John Scott
(1956-2015)

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall show 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.

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 98 Sung by the Choir Plainsong (Tone 1⁵)

CANTATE DOMINO

O SING unto the Lord a new song : for he hath done marvellous things.
With his own right hand, and with his holy arm : hath he gotten himself the victory.
The Lord declared his salvation :
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen.
He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel :
and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.
Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands : sing, rejoice, and give thanks.
Praise the Lord upon the harp : sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.
With trumpets also and shawms : O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.
Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is: the round world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord :
for he is come to judge the earth.
With righteousness shall he judge the world : and the people with equity.
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.



PSALM 99

Plainsong (*Tone IV*⁴)

DOMINUS REGNAVIT

THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient :
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
The Lord is great in Sion : and high above all people.
They shall give thanks unto thy Name : which is great, wonderful, and holy.
The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity :
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name :
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies,
and the law that he gave them.
Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God,
and punishedst their own inventions.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.
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.

PSALM 100

Plainsong (*Tone VIII*¹)

JUBILATE DEO

BE joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise :
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting :
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.
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 LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

The People stand for the Magnificat.



ANTIPHON

Sung by the Choir

Plainsong (Mode II)

O ROOT of Jesse,
which standest for an ensign of the people,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,
to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

MAGNIFICAT

The Lichfield Service

Mark Shepherd
(b. 1962)

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.

The Choir repeats the antiphon.

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:7-13

The People stand for the Nunc Dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Lichfield Service

Mark Shepherd

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 PRAYERS

John Scott

Sung by the Choir

V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. 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.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.
R. 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

STIR up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us;
and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR ADVENT

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for 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 Savior. *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 Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The People sit.



ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

Robert Spearing
(b. 1950)

I SING of a Maiden, a matchless one;
king of all kings she chose for her son.
In quiet he drew to where she was.
As the April dew falls on the grass.
In quiet he drew towards her bower,
as the April dew falls on the flower.
In quiet he drew to where she lay,
as the April dew falls on the spray.
Both mother and maiden was none but she:
well may such a lady God's mother be. Alleluia.

Anonymous 15th-century



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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

HYMN

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el,
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or-derest all things might - i - ly;
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height
4 O come, thou Day-spring from on high, and cheer us by the draw - ing night;
5 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all man - kind;
that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the son of God ap - pear.
to us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
in an - cient times did give the law, in cloud, and ma - je - sty and awe.
dis - perse the gloom-y clouds of night, and death's dark shad-ow put to flight.
bid thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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THE BLESSING

The Bishop says

MAY the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness
from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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God's Love at the Heart of New York

VOLUNTARY

Marche Episcopale

Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

A simple, said Mass now follows at the High Altar, beginning with the offertory. Those who wish to receive Holy Communion, and those who are attending the Church Club event, should remain in their places. Those who wish to leave are welcome to do so via the Narthex.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant says the preface

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death,
and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,
we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

HOLY, holy, holy,
Lord God of Hosts.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

**Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Congregation kneels or stands.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

ALL glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth,
and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him,
and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.
He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world;
and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue,
a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."



LIKEWISE, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

The People respond **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Celebrant says

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.



The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

O LAMB of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away
the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

BEHOLD the Lamb of God: behold him that taketh
away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof,
but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Sacrament is distributed at the Crossing.
Intinction is not permitted. You are welcome to receive in one kind only. Gluten free hosts available.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Celebrant and People

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us,
in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness
toward us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting
kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared
for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant dismisses the people

Go in peace to prepare the way of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.