Choral Mattins
for
Remembrance Sunday
12 November 2023
10.00 am
Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

Welcome to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for today's service of Choral Mattins as we mark Remembrance Sunday. The service of Mattins is one of the ancient 'Hours' of the monastic day, and forms a prayerful link with our Benedictine roots on the site of the former Abbey of St Edmund. Musical settings of the service have been written by composers down the centuries, especially since the Reformation. It is in that tradition that we worship today as we remember and give thanks for those whose lives have been scarred by war and those who have given their lives in the cause of our freedom, justice and peace.

"What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" [Micah 6.8]

The service today is sung by the Cathedral Choir

Conductor - Timothy Parsons, Director of Music
Organist - Richard Cook, Assistant Director of Music

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The Order of Service

The Dean gives

The Welcome

Everyone stands to sing

The Hymn

I vow to thee, my country,
  all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
  the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
  the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
  the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
  the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there’s another country
  I’ve heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
  most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
  we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
  her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
  her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
  and all her paths are peace.

Words: Cecil Spring-Rice 1859-1918
Music: Thaxted, adapted from The Planets
by Gustav Holst 1874-1934
Everyone remains standing for

**The Bidding**

Precentor  We come to worship, on this Remembrance Sunday, recalling with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. In gratitude for God's love, we pray for all who in bereavement, disability or pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting or terror. Knowing our dependence on upon God's grace, we reaffirm our desire to create a world of justice, freedom and peace.

Everyone remains standing as the Canon Precentor and choir sing the opening responses

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir  And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

Choir  O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

Choir  The Lord's Name be praised.

*Music: Preces, Michael Walsh, b. 1948*
Everyone sits for

The Psalmody

The Lord is my shepherd:
    therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture:
    and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul:
    and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
        for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
    of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
        for thou art with me;
            thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me
    against them that trouble me:
        thou hast anointed my head with oil,
            and my cup shall be full.

Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy
    shall follow me all the days of my life:
        and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

All 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.

Psalm 23, BCP, Dominus regit me
Music: Wilfred Mothersole, 1898-1992
Assistant Director of Music
at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, 1913-71
Everyone remains seated as Liz Rowlands reads

The Old Testament Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines
and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk,
each in the name of its god,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God
for ever and ever.

*Micah 4.1–5, NRSV*

Here ends the first reading.
Everyone stands as the choir sings the

Te Deum

We praise thee, O God:
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee: the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud:
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles: praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets: praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs: praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world:
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father: of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true: and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost: the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory: O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son: of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man:
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death:
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God:
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come: to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants:
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints:
in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people: and bless thine heritage.
Govern them: and lift them up for ever.
Day by day: we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name: ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord: to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us: have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us: as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded.

Music: Anglican chants by E. J. Hopkins,
   J. Corfe from H. Lawes and F. H. Champneys
Everyone sits as Doreen Young reads

The New Testament Reading

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.4–9, NRSV

Here ends the second reading.

Everyone stands as the choir sings the

Jubilate Deo
Psalm 100

O 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.

Music: Jubilate in C, Benjamin Britten, 1913-1976
Everyone remains standing for

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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life Everlasting. Amen.

Precentor  The Lord be with you.
Choir     And with thy spirit.

Precentor  Let us pray.

Everyone sits or kneels for the

Lesser Litany, Lord’s Prayer, Responses and Collects

Sung by the Canon Precentor and choir.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Choir     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

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in thy beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Second Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: Responses, Michael Walsh, b. 1948
Everyone sits as the choir sings

The Anthem

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

Words: For the Fallen, Laurence Binyon, 1869-1943
Music: Mark Blatchly, b. 1960,
    Director of Music at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, 1990-92
Everyone remains seated for

The Sermon

The Reverend Anita Rooney
Cathedral Curate

Everyone sits or kneels as James Utting, former Gunner of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, leads

The Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy
All hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with:

Father in heaven,
form in us the likeness of your Son
and deepen his life within us.
Send us as witnesses of gospel joy
into a world of fragile peace
and broken promises.
Touch all hearts with your love
so we may, in turn,
love each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

[St Benedict's Prayer Book, adapted]
Everyone stands for

The Hymn

For the healing of the nations,
   Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
   of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
   help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom,
   from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
   all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
   fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
   let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
   dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
   may we hallow brief life’s span.

You, Creator God, have written
   your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
   bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
   earth its destiny may find.

Words: Fred Kaan, 1929-2009
Music: Alleluia, dulce carmen,
Essay on the Church Plain Chant, 1782
All remain standing for

**The Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage; hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

All remain standing to sing

**The National Anthem**

**God save our gracious King!**
Long live our noble King!
**God save the King!**
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.

*The procession leaves the Cathedral as Richard Cook, Assistant Director of Music, plays*

**The Organ Voluntary**

Solemn Prelude 'For the Fallen' from The Spirit of England, Op. 80, No. 3
Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

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