



Leicester Cathedral
A beating heart for City and County

SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 5 July 2020
The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
72nd Anniversary of the National Health Service

The Revd Canon Emma Davies, Acting Canon Precentor, leads the service.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns, Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Partita II sopra Jesu, meine Freude
(*Jesu, my joy*)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Welcome and Greeting

We meet in the presence of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept.

As God's people we have gathered:
let us worship God together.

Canon Emma continues with words of welcome.

Prayer at this time of new lockdown

God of Life,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
as we walk this road of sacrifice;
and bring your surrounding peace
to all in our city today.
Amen.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

Jesus said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick;
I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance.'

Luke 5.31

Let us each come without fear to Jesus,
bringing all that is sickness in our heart and soul,
that we may know again God's healing forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Creating God, you made us in your image;
remake us in newness of life.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, Redeemer, you were wounded for us;
bind up our wounds and revive us.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Life-giving Spirit, you are the Comforter;
watch beside us as we regain our strength.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolution God's forgiveness for us

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer Collect for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The First Reading

Romans 7.15–25a

Read by Peter Collett

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11.16–19, 25–30

Read by Edward Beaumont

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said: 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Prélude from 24 Pieces in Free Style

Louis Vierne (1873–1937)

The Reflection from Dean David continues.

'Beatitudes for a Global Pandemic' (cf Matthew 5.3–12)

Dave Walker and Jayne Manfredi

Anne Rattigan leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And towards the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The prayers conclude with The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught 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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast’:
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live’:
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
‘I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright’:
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till travelling days are done.

KINGSFOLD (AM669)
Melody from *English County Songs*, 1893
harmonised by *Ralph Vaughan Williams* (1872–1958)

Horatius N. Bonar (1808–1889)

The Blessing and Dismissal

Heal us, O God, and we shall be healed;
save us, and we shall be saved;
for you are our praise;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
surround you and those with whom you watch and wait
this day and always.

Amen.

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Andante espressivo from Sonata in G Op.28iii

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

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