



Leicester Cathedral
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 26 July 2020
The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

The Revd Canon Alison Adams, Canon Pastor Sub-Dean, leads the service.

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

Partita IX sopra Jesu, meine Freude
(‘Jesu, my joy’)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Welcome and Greeting

‘If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.’

James 1.5

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

Canon Alison continues with words of welcome..

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music introduces Isaiah who sings

Brother, Sister, let me serve you

SERVANT SONG (AM604)

Richard A. M. Gillard (b.1953)

arranged by Betty Pulkingham (b.1928)

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Penitence Asking for God’s forgiveness and healing

God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,
and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1.25

We bring before God our human weakness
and the foolishness of our sin,
asking God to cross the distance with forgiveness, healing and strength.

Silence is kept.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face to shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Let us pray.

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The First Reading

I Kings 3.5–12

Read by Peter Lewis

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

Read by Deborah Potter

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the

smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thoughts on Wisdom

Reflection

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester

Christopher Ouvry-Johns plays on the Organ

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ BWV639
(*'I call to thee, Lord Jesus Christ'*)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Doreen Ndetaramo leads

Prayers of Intercession

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and at 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

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation
as you come to know him,
so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened,
you may know what is the hope to which he has called you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.

Amen.

Inspired by Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

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

Scherzetto from 24 Pieces in Free Style

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

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