



Leicester Cathedral
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SUNDAY WORSHIP

from the Community
of Leicester Cathedral

Sunday 8 November 2020
Remembrance Sunday

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

Rosie Vinter, Assistant Director of Music, plays on the Organ

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896–1987)

Welcome and Greeting

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

God is our refuge and strength;
a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46.1

Canon Alison continues with words of welcome.

God gathers us across the distance.
Let us worship God together.

Penitence Asking for God's forgiveness and healing

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 5.8

Silence is kept.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.
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 comfort of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your 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 is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

I Thessalonians 4.13–end

Read by Colonel Murray Colville, Deputy Lord-Lieutenant

A reading from Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians.

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will

descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Matthew 25.1–13

Read by Mary Lee

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

The Very Revd David Monteith, Dean of Leicester

Emma Trounson (Soprano) and David Cowen (Piano) perform

To Daffodils *from* In Memoriam

Fair daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon;
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attain'd his noon.
Stay, stay
Until the hasting day
Has run
But to the even-song,
And, having pray'd together, we
Will go with you along.

Bright heads of gold, ye bravely blow
As to outvie the sun:
Dame Nature's trumpeters of Spring,
Beloved of ev'ryone.
Frail flow'rs,
How fleeting are your hours
Of ease
Beneath yon azure skies,
Ere wind and storm beset your bed,
And tears fill April's eyes.

We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.
We die,
As your hours do, and dry
Away,
Like to the summer's rain,
Or as the pearls of morning's dew,
Ne'er to be found again.

Stanzas 1 and 3: Robert Herrick (1591–1634)
Stanza 2: Simon Mold (b.1957)

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*Recording from the CD 'Song Cycles'
on the Heritage Label*

Act of Remembrance

The Dean of Leicester says:

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping:
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

*A wreath is laid by Roger Jones, Chairman, General Committee, Royal Tigers' Association.
Colonel Anthony Swallow OBE, Trustee, Royal Tigers' Association says:*

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.
We will remember them.

The Last Post is sounded, and silence is observed.

The Reveille is sounded. The Last Post and Reveille are played by Gary Perrin.

The Kohima Epitaph is read by Colonel Swallow:

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow, we gave our today.

The Dean says

Ever-living God,
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The following response may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

and this response may be used 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

The final line of each verse is repeated.

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.**

**O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!**

**Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.**

**Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.**

REPTON (AM621i)
Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848–1918)
from the oratorio *Judith*

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

The Act of Commitment and Blessing

Let us commit ourselves to responsible
living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in
us that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

Amen

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth
and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you
and remain with you always.

Amen

Until we meet again,
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

All sing

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious Queen,
long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.**

NATIONAL ANTHEM
Thesaurus Musicus (c.1743)

Anonymous (c. 1745)

David Cowen, Associate Organist, plays

Cortège from 24 Pieces in Free Style

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

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