

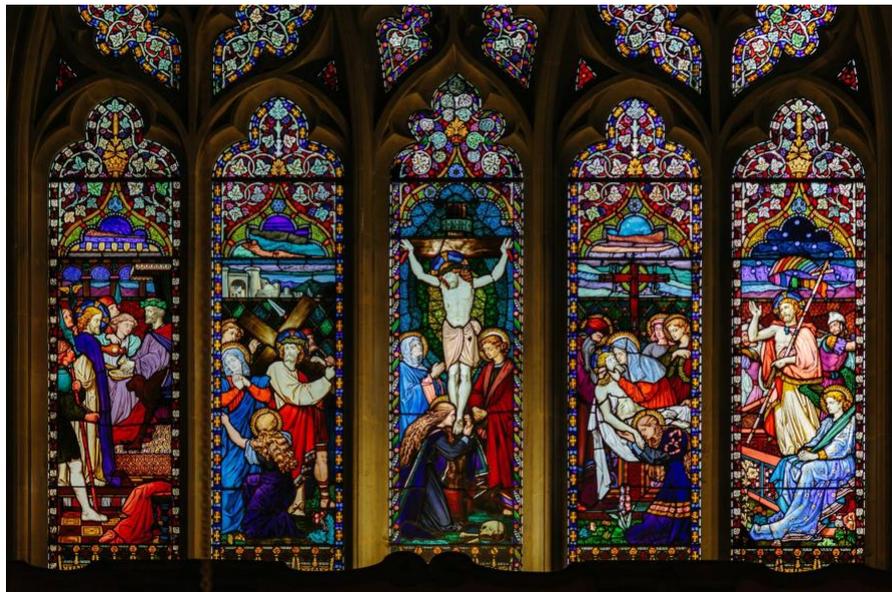


**Sunday 18 October 2020**  
**Choral Evensong**  
**Online Evensong from University College, Oxford**

*A warm welcome to our service this week.*  
*Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.*

The full text of the service is found in this pdf file that you have downloaded from our Online Evensong page. An audio-recording of the full service is on the page where you found the link to this text.

Our preacher this week is the Chaplain.



## WORDS OF WELCOME



## INTROIT 'Peace I leave with you'

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Words: John 14.27

Music: Amy Beach (1867-1944)

**HYMN**  
**'Be thou my vision'**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for my fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my high tow'r:  
o raise thou me heav'n-ward, great power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
be thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
o Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun  
o grant me its joys after vic'try is won,  
great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, o ruler of all.

Words: From an 8<sup>th</sup> century Irish text, translated by Mary Byrne (1880-1931), and versified by Eleanor Hall (1860-1935)

Music: 'Slane' – traditional Irish melody

**INTRODUCTION**

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven  
to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving;  
to make confession of our sins;  
to pray, as well for others as for ourselves,  
that we may know more truly  
the greatness of God's love  
and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace;  
and to ask on behalf of all people  
such things as their well-being doth require.

Therefore let us continue in a moment of shared silence,  
and remember God's presence with us now.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:*

**O God, our Father,  
we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed:  
we have not loved thee with all our heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;  
cleanse us from our sins;  
and help us to overcome our faults;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

May the Almighty and merciful Lord  
grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:*

**Our Father, who 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 those that 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.**

## VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us.  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord's Name be praised.*

### **PSALM 96**

O sing unto the Lord a new song \*  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name \*  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his honour unto the heathen \*  
and his wonders unto all people.  
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols \*  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.  
Glory and worship are before him \*  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people \*  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.  
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name \*  
bring presents, and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King \*  
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;  
and how that he shall judge the people righteously.  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad \*  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it \*  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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 FIRST LESSON**  
**From the Old Testament**  
**Deuteronomy 11.18-21, 26-28**



Moses said, "You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today; and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn from the way that I am commanding you today, to follow other gods that you have not known."

**MAGNIFICAT**  
**The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Luke 1.46-55**

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
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 shewed 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.

Setting: Noble in b minor (T. Tertius Noble, 1867-1953)

**THE SECOND LESSON**  
**From the New Testament**  
**Matthew 7.21-29**



Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.'

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and

the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

**NUNC DIMITTIS**  
**The Song of Simeon**  
**Luke 2.29-32**

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.

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**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 Spirit;**

**The holy Catholic Church;**

**The Communion of Saints;**

**The Forgiveness of sins;**

**The Resurrection of the body,**

**And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
Lord, have mercy upon us.



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*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
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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 Queen.  
*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 FOR THE DAY**

O God, forasmuch as without thee  
we are not able to please thee;  
mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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 Saviour. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

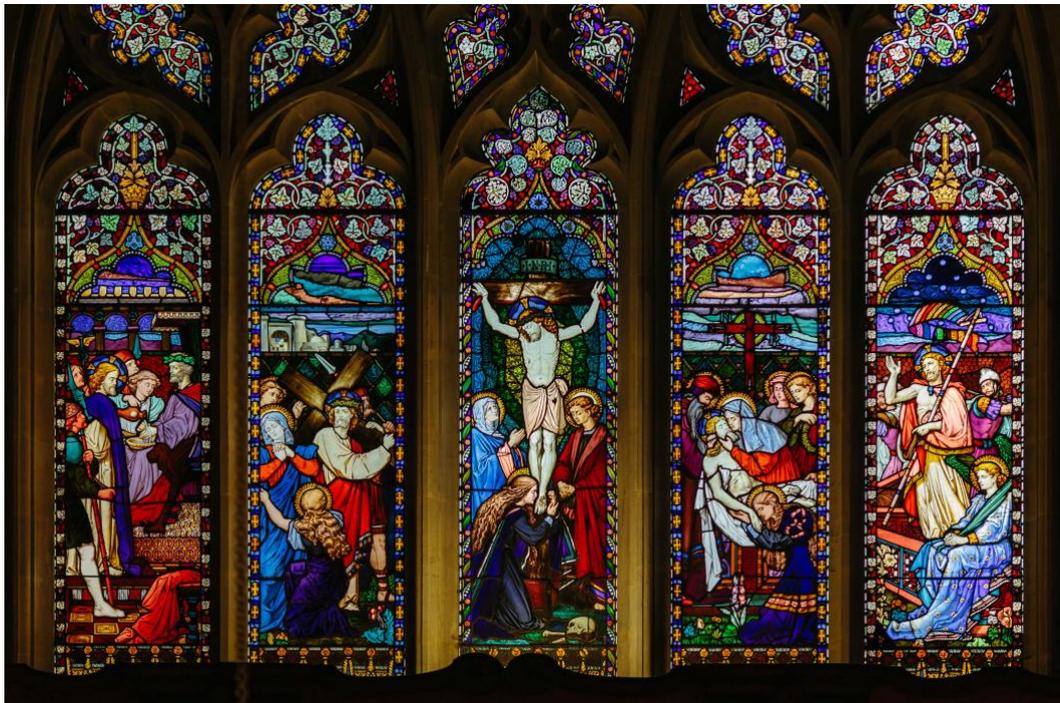
Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE ANTHEM 'O taste and see'

Jesu, the very thought of thee  
with sweetness fills my breast,  
but sweeter far thy face to see  
and in thy presence rest.

Words: attributed to Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)  
Music: Sasha Johnson Manning (b. 1963)

## THE SERMON Preacher: The Chaplain



## INTERCESSIONS

*As we continue together, let us pray ...*



### HYMN

#### **'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind'**

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 clam 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!

Words: John Whittier (1807-92)

Music: 'Repton', by C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918), from a song in his oratorio *Judith*

### **BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **VOLUNTARY**

**J. Massenet (1842-1912), Prelude in C**

