



**Sunday 22 November 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 Dr Mirjam Schilling, who works in the University as a Postdoctoral Researcher in Virology. Her main research interests are virus host interactions and the innate immune system. Besides working in the lab Mirjam has recently finished a Diploma of Theological studies and is now engaged part-time on a DPhil in Science and Religion to explore a theological understanding of viruses.



## WORDS OF WELCOME



### INTROIT

#### Ertöt uns durch deine Güte

Ertöt uns durch deine Güte;  
Erweck uns durch deine Gnad;  
Den alten Menschen kränke,  
Dass der neu' leben mag  
Wohl hie auf dieser Erden,  
Den Sinn und Begehren  
Und G'danken habn zu dir.

*Kill us through your kindness;  
awaken us through your grace;  
weaken the old man  
so that the new man may live  
even here on this earth  
with his mind and his desires  
and thoughts all on you.*

Words: from Cantata BWV 132, *Bereitet die Wege, bereitet die Bahn*, trans. Frances Browne  
Music: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

**HYMN**  
**'The King of Love my Shepherd is'**

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Words: H. W. Baker (1821-77)

Music: Dominus regit me, J. B. Dykes (1823-76)

**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 95.1-7

O come, let us sing unto the Lord \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God \*  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

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**  
**Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24**



For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

**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: Windsor Service. Kerensa Briggs

**THE SECOND LESSON**  
**From the New Testament**  
**Matthew 25.31-46**



Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'



**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.

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

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### 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 God, thou art my God'**

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.  
My soul thirsteth for thee,  
my flesh also longeth after thee  
in a barren and dry land where no water is  
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness,  
that I might behold thy power and glory.  
For thy loving kindness is better than life itself:  
My lips shall praise thee.  
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner  
and lift up my hands in thy Name.  
Because thou hast been my helper,  
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.  
Hallelujah.

Words: Psalm 63.1-5,8  
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**THE SERMON**  
**Preacher: Dr Mirjam Schilling**



## INTERCESSIONS

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



### HYMN

#### **'Faithful Shepherd, Feed Me'**

Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
in the pastures green;  
faithful Shepherd, lead me  
where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me  
in the narrow way;  
so, with thee beside me,  
I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer  
to the heavenly shore;  
may my faith grow clearer,  
may I love thee more:

Hallow every pleasure,  
every joy and pain;  
be thyself my treasure,  
though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me  
as thou seest best,  
then let angels bear me  
to thy promised rest.

Words: T. B. Pollock (1836-96)  
Music: Pastor Pastorum, F. Sicher (1789-1860)

## **BLESSING**

Christ our Shepherd and our King  
make you faithful and strong to do his will  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## **VOLUNTARY**

Fantasia in C (BWV570)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

