



**Sunday 13 June 2021  
Leavers' Evensong**

**Online Evensong from University College, Oxford**

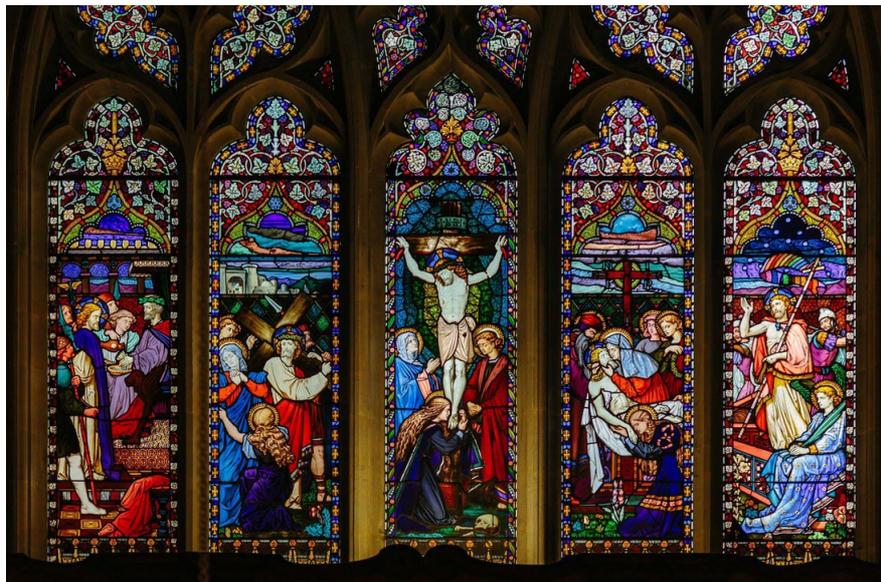
***A warm welcome to our service this week.  
Thank you for joining us from wherever you may be.***

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.

Details of our music this evening, are at the end of this order of service.

The service was recorded in advance, on Sunday 6 June 2021.



## WORDS OF WELCOME



### INTROIT

#### **'We shall walk through the valley'**

We shall walk through the valley in peace.  
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If Jesus himself shall be our leader,  
We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.  
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### 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 92. 1-6, 11-14**

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord \*  
and to sing praises unto thy Name, O most Highest;  
To tell of thy loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of thy truth in the night-season;  
Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute \*  
upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.  
For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works \*  
and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.  
O Lord, how glorious are thy works \*  
thy thoughts are very deep.  
An unwise man doth not well consider this \*  
and a fool doth not understand it.  
The righteous shall flourish like a palm-tree \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.  
Such as are planted in the house of the Lord \*  
shall flourish in the courts of the house of our God.  
They also shall bring forth more fruit in their age \*  
and shall be fat and well-liking.  
That they may shew how true the Lord my strength is \*  
and that there is no unrighteousness in him.

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 17.22-24**



Thus says the Lord God:  
I myself will take a sprig  
    from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
    from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
    on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
    I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
    and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
    in the shade of its branches will nest  
    winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
    that I am the Lord.  
I bring low the high tree,  
    I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
    and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the Lord have spoken;  
    I will accomplish it.

**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.

**THE SECOND LESSON**  
**From the New Testament**  
**Mark 4.26-34**



Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**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.

**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 Spirit,**  
**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

O Lord, who hast taught us  
that all our doings without charity are nothing worth:  
send thy Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity,  
the very bond of peace and of all virtues  
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee;  
grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
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**  
**'Blessed City, Heavenly Salem'**

Blessed city, heavenly Salem,  
Vision dear of peace and love,  
Who of living stones art builded  
In the height of heaven above,  
And by Angel hands apparelled,  
As a bride doth earthward move;

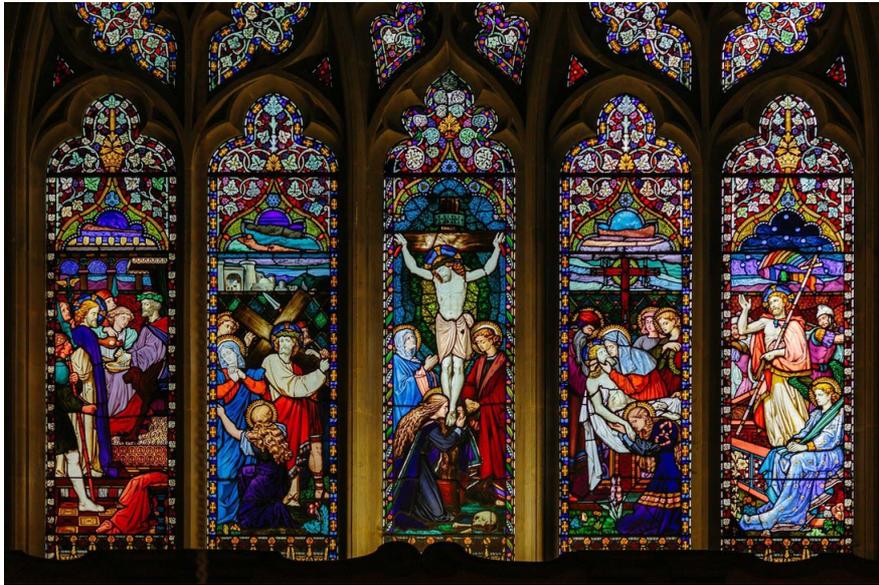
Out of heaven from God descending,  
New and ready to be wed  
To thy Lord, whose love espoused thee,  
Fair adorned shalt thou be led;  
All thy gates and all thy bulwarks  
Of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining;  
They are open evermore;  
And their well-earned rest attaining  
Thither faithful souls do soar,  
Who for Christ's dear Name in this world  
Pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture  
Polished well those stones elect,  
In their places now compacted  
By the heavenly Architect,  
Nevermore to leave the Temple  
Which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this Temple, where we call Thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wonted loving kindness,  
Hear Thy servants as they pray;  
And Thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.

**THE SERMON**  
**Preacher: The Chaplain**



**HYMN**  
**'Christ, whose glory fills the skies'**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
Triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Unaccompanied by thee;  
Joyless is the day's return,  
Till thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart,  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, radiance divine,  
Scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more thyself display,  
Shining to the perfect day.

## INTERCESSIONS

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



### 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 for ever.

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 spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O 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 for ever.

### **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**



Our preacher this evening is The Chaplain

*The music in the service is as follows:*

Introit: 'We shall walk through the valley'

Words: African-American Spiritual

Music: Undine Smith Moore (1904-89)

Preces and Responses: Radcliffe

Canticles: Dyson in D

Anthem: 'Blessed City'

Words: Translation of *Urbs beata Jerusalem* by John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Hymns:

'Christ, whose glory fills the skies'

Words: Charles Wesley, (1707-88)

Music: 'Ratisbon', from J. G. Werner's *Choralbuch*, Leipzig 1815.

'The King of love my Shepherd is'

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

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

*And finally:*

We send our best wishes to all who leave the College this year, including members of the Chapel Choir.

We thank all those who have contributed to our Online Evensongs throughout the year:

our organ scholars, our choir members and their various music teachers;

our visiting preachers – Nick Hallam, Georgina Watson, Andrew Norman, John Summers and Janet Williams;

Justin Bowyer, the College Digital Communications Manager;

and all who have joined us in the College Chapel or elsewhere.

Andrew Gregory, Chaplain

Giles Underwood, Director of Music

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