

Choral Evensong, Sunday the 8th

May, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong. The minister and preacher tonight is the Reverend Su McClellan, Cathedral Curate. The Canticles are the *Evening Service in D* by George Dyson (1883-1964), and the responses are by Richard Ayleward (1623-1669). The service can be followed in the purple service book. The Cathedral Choir is directed by Rachel Mahon. The organist is Luke Fitzgerald

The Introit

Cantate Domino canticum novum.

Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum.

Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum.

Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.*

from Psalm 149.1-2

Music by Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

Psalm 113

1. PRAISE the Lord, ye servants: O praise the Name of the Lord.
2. Blessed be the Name of the Lord: from this time forth for evermore.
3. The Lord's Name is praised: from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
4. The Lord is high above all heathen: and his glory above the heavens.
5. Who is like unto the Lord our God, that hath his dwelling so high: and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
6. He taketh up the simple out of the dust: and lifteth the poor out of the mire;
7. That he may set him with the princes: even with the princes of his people.
8. He maketh the barren woman to keep house: and to be a joyful mother of children.

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 *Isaiah 63.7-14*

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.
It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.
But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.
Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.
Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?
Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,
who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
who led them through the depths?
Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.
Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.
Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

The Second Lesson *Luke 24.36-49*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

The Anthem

How beauteous are their feet, who stand on Zion's hill,
who bring salvation on their tongues and words of peace instil!

How happy are our ears that hear this joyful sound,
which kings and prophets waited for, and sought, but never found.

How blessèd are our eyes that see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired it long, but died without the sight.

The Lord makes bare his arm through all the earth abroad;
let every nation now behold their Saviour and their God.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music by C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

The Hymn

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Words by Edward J. Burns (b. 1938)

Tune CP 612 Fulda William Gardiner (1770-1853)

Voluntary

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