

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 19 November 2023



3.30pm Evensong

Preces and Responses: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: *Evening Service in G minor*, Henry Purcell (1659-95)

This leaflet provides the material specific to our Evensong service this afternoon. It should be used in conjunction with the pale blue Evensong booklet you will find available in the stalls.

ORGAN PRELUDE

Sonata in G minor

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach (1714-88)

- i. *Allegro*
- ii. *Adagio*
- iii. *Allegro*

INTROIT *sung by the choir from the North Transept*

Domine, Jesu Christe, qui me
creasti, redemisti, et
preordinasti ad hoc quod sum,
tu scis quid de me facere vis;
fac de me secundum
voluntatem tuam cum
misericordia. Amen.

*Jesu Christ, Lord Almighty, who didst
create me, and redeem me, and hast
brought me now to that which I am.
Thou knowest what thou wilt have me
to be, deal with me according to thy
loving kindness, and show me thy
mercy, Lord. Amen.*

Words: attributed to King Henry VI (1421-71)

Music: Henry Ley (1887-1962)

PRECES (*see page 4 of Evensong booklet*)

The congregation is welcomed by the Canon in Residence.

OFFICE HYMN



O blest Creator of the light,
Who makest day with radiance bright,
And o'er the forming world didst call
The light from chaos first of all;

**Whose wisdom joined in meet array
The morn and eve, and named them Day:
Night comes with all its darkling fears;
Regard thy people's prayers and tears:**

Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife,
They lose the gift of endless life;
While, thinking but the thoughts of time,
They weave new chains of guilt and crime.

**But grant them grace that they may strain
The heavenly gate and prize to gain:
Each harmful lure aside to cast,
And purge away each error past.**

**O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,
Who with the Spirit and with thee
Doth live and reign eternally.
Amen.**

*Words: Latin, 8th century or earlier
trans. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*Tune: LUCIS CREATOR NEH 150 (t. i)
Mode viii*

Please sit

Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst:
I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out
of the people.
I have found David my servant:
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand shall hold him fast:
and my arm shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not be able to do him violence:
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
I will smite down his foes before his face:
and plague them that hate him.
My truth also and my mercy shall be with him:
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his dominion also in the sea:
and his right hand in the floods.
He shall call me, Thou art my Father:
my God, and my strong salvation.
And I will make him my first-born:
higher than the kings of the earth.
My mercy will I keep for him for evermore:
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
His seed also will I make to endure for ever:
and his throne as the days of heaven.

But if his children forsake my law:
and walk not in my judgements;
If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments:
I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.

Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him:
nor suffer my truth to fail.
My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of
my lips:
I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
His seed shall endure for ever:
and his seat is like as the sun before me.
He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon:
and as the faithful witness in heaven.

So Bathsheba went to the king in his room. The king was very old; Abishag the Shunammite was attending the king. Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the king, and the king said, 'What do you wish?' She said to him, 'My lord, you swore to your servant by the Lord your God, saying: Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne. But now suddenly Adonijah has become king, though you, my lord the king, do not know it. He has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the children of the king, the priest Abiathar, and Joab the commander of the army; but your servant Solomon he has not invited. But you, my lord the king—the eyes of all Israel are on you to tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king sleeps with his ancestors, that my son Solomon and I will be counted offenders.'

While she was still speaking with the king, the prophet Nathan came in. The king was told, 'Here is the prophet Nathan.' When he came in before the king, he did obeisance to the king, with his face to the ground. Nathan said, 'My lord the king, have you said, "Adonijah shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne"? For today he has gone down and has sacrificed oxen, fatted cattle, and sheep in abundance, and has invited all the king's children, Joab the commander of the army, and the priest Abiathar, who are now eating and drinking before him, and saying, "Long live King Adonijah!" But he did not invite me, your servant, and the priest Zadok, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and your servant Solomon. Has this thing been brought about by my lord the king and you have not let your servants know who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

King David answered, 'Summon Bathsheba to me.' So she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. The king swore, saying, 'As the Lord lives, who has saved my life from every adversity, as I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel, "Your son Solomon shall succeed me as king, and he shall sit on my throne in my place", so will I do this day.' Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the ground, and did obeisance to the king, and said, 'May my lord King David live for ever!'

King David said, 'Summon to me the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada.' When they came before the king, the king said to them, 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and have my son Solomon ride on my own mule, and bring him down to Gihon.

There let the priest Zadok and the prophet Nathan anoint him king over Israel; then blow the trumpet, and say, "Long live King Solomon!" You shall go up following him. Let him enter and sit on my throne; he shall be king in my place; for I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.' Benaiah son of Jehoiada answered the king, 'Amen! May the Lord, the God of my lord the king, so ordain. As the Lord has been with my lord the king, so may he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David.'

So the priest Zadok, the prophet Nathan, and Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down and had Solomon ride on King David's mule, and led him to Gihon. There the priest Zadok took the horn of oil from the tent and anointed Solomon. Then they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, 'Long live King Solomon!' And all the people went up following him, playing on pipes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth quaked at their noise.

MAGNIFICAT (*see page 5 of Evensong booklet*)

SECOND READING

Revelation 1: 4–18

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.'

Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.

NUNC DIMITTIS (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*see page 6 of Evensong booklet*)

LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER AND RESPONSES (*see page 7 of Evensong booklet*)

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COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences;
that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the
bands of those sins,
which by our frailty we have committed:
Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,
our blessed Lord and Saviour.
Amen.

ANTHEM *sung by the choir*

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 (1659-95)

HOMILY *given by the Revd Paul Rattigan, Canon Missioner*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *led by the Revd Dr Richard Frith, Canon Precentor*

OFFERTORY HYMN *during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*

O love, how deep, how broad, how high! (NEH 425)

THE BLESSING AND THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sinfonia to Cantata No 29

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
arr. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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