



Live-streamed online Evensong

Week 5: Sunday 24th May

THEME: "500 Years of Christian Freedom"

SPEAKER: Professor Henrike Lähnemann

Good Evening and welcome to our 5th online Evensong of Trinity Term.

Although we are unable to meet physically in our own Teddy Hall Chapel, our hope and prayer is that until this global crisis has passed, we will live stream online Evensong and you are welcome to join in every Sunday.

You might also like to participate in Evensong yourself. Please get in touch if you are interested in reading a lesson or leading prayers.

A short background to Evensong

Evensong is an immensely popular and much-loved chapel service in Teddy Hall. Evensong has a distinct Christian flavour and pattern and demands little from viewers and attendees, thus making it, totally unthreatening- welcoming everyone to simply sit and observe, enjoying the richness of songs, scripture, hymnody, singing of Psalms, prayers, and musical settings.

Useful information

- ❖ *Online Evensong is live-streamed every Sunday at 5:30pm GMT from Week 1- Week 8 in Trinity Term;*
- ❖ *An exciting line-up of speakers will base their talks on the theme of 'Freedom';*
- ❖ *For more information please refer to Virtual Chapel Trinity Term Card 2020;*
- ❖ *After Evensong you are welcome to join in 'Drinks Time' - an informal time to chat and yes! you are very welcome to actually join in with a snack and a drink.*

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Service of Evensong

Important note before Evensong

- *At the start of service, the audio setting on your Zoom screen is intentionally set on mute for the duration of the service.*
- *When you are required to speak, please unmute your microphone before speaking.*
- *During the service, if at any stage you do not wish to be seen by other members, please disable your video setting; you will still be able to listen to the service.*
- *If you do not wish to stay on after the service, please feel free to log off.*

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Evensong begins with Opening music

Words of welcome from Revd Anupama Hansell, Teddy Hall, Interim Chaplain.

The Confession *(Chaplain)*

Response led on behalf of all members

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Chaplain pronounces the Absolution.

The Responses *(Plainchant, sung by members of the choir)*

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.

The Psalm *(Sung by members of the choir)*

Psalm 46 (A setting from the tune of Martin Luther's "Ein feste Burg")

The 1st Lesson

Reading from the Book of Romans 1: 16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'

Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat *(German, Tonus peregrinus, Luther text: Led by members of the choir)*

Meine Seele erhebt den HERRN, und mein Geist freuet sich Gottes, meines Heilands; denn er hat die Niedrigkeit seiner Magd angesehen. Siehe, von nun an werden mich selig preisen alle Kindeskinde; denn er hat große Dinge an mir getan, der da mächtig ist und des Name heilig ist. Und seine Barmherzigkeit währet immer für und für bei denen, die ihn fürchten. Er übet Gewalt mit seinem Arm und zerstreut, die hoffärtig sind in ihres Herzens Sinn. Er stößt die Gewaltigen vom Stuhl und erhebt die Niedrigen. Die Hungrigen füllt er mit Gütern und lässt die Reichen leer. Er denkt der Barmherzigkeit und hilft seinem Diener Israel auf, wie er geredet hat unsern Vätern, Abraham und seinem Samen ewiglich. Ehre sei dem Vater und dem Sohn und dem Heiligen Geiste, wie es war im Anfang jetzt und alle Zeit und in Ewigkeit, Amen.

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 2nd Lesson *(Read by Professor Henrike Lähnemann)*

Reading from John 5:1-4,10-18 God so loved the world (KJV)

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? [...] 10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? 11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? 13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Nunc Dimittis *(Tone iii, setting from Lutheran Compline. Sung by members of the choir)*

HERR, nun läßt du deinen
Diener in Frieden fahren, wie
du gesagt hast; denn meine
Augen haben deinen Heiland
gesehen, welchen du bereitest
hast vor allen Völkern, ein
Licht, zu erleuchten die
Heiden, und zum Preis deines
Volkes Israel. Ehre sei dem
Vater und dem Sohn und dem
Heiligen Geiste, wie es war im
Anfang jetzt und alle Zeit und
in Ewigkeit, Amen.

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 Sermon (*Talk / Reflection / Homily*)

“500 Years of Christian Freedom”

Professor Henrike Lähnemann, St Edmund Hall

(Please note: Chapel speaker may screen share her talk)

[Henrike Lähnemann is Professor of Medieval German Literature and Linguistics and has been a member of the Chapel Choir since coming to St Edmund Hall in 2015. She is interested in the Singing, Printing and Translating the Reformation and organises currently an exhibition and roundtable on Martin Luther's ground-breaking pamphlet of 1520 "On Christian Freedom"].

The Responses (*Plainsong*)

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 Aid against all Perils (*Chaplain*)

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 (*Tune: Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein: A medieval dance tune which Martin Luther adapted to his versified version of the core message of his Reformation gospel: Salvation by Faith and the Freedom of all Christians from the power of evil*).

1. Nun freut euch, lieben Christen g'mein, und lasst uns fröhlich springen, dass wir getrost und all in ein mit Lust und Liebe singen, was Gott an uns gewendet hat und seine süße Wundertat; gar teu'r hat er's erworben. 5. Er sprach zu seinem lieben Sohn: „Die Zeit ist hier zu erbarmen; fahr hin, meins Herzens werte Kron, und sei das Heil dem Armen und hilf ihm aus der Sünden Not, erwürg für ihn den bitteren Tod und lass ihn mit dir leben.“

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing, And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing, Proclaim the wonders God has done, How His right arm the vict'ry won, What price our ransom cost Him! 5 God said to His beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion. Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation. From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

The Intercessions (*Led by members*)

Ending with:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices and Information



The Blessing *(Chaplain)*

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.

Thanks be to God.

***Organ Voluntary played by Senior Organ Scholar
Viraj Alimchandani***

** Here endeth the Service **

Thank you for your kind participation and see you next Sunday.

Acknowledgment and Thanks

Our special thanks to Professor Henrike Lähnemann for her kind sermon.

We extend our gratitude to members of Teddy Hall Choir and everyone who has worked hard in planning and arranging music, making online Evensong special for Teddy Hall community.

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Next Evensong: Week 6 Sunday 31st May at 5:30pm

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