



Live-streamed online Evensong

Pentecost Sunday

Week 6: Sunday 31st May

THEME: "Freedom in the Spirit"

SPEAKER: Revd Andrew Gregory

Good Evening and welcome to our 6th online Evensong of Trinity Term.

Thank you for your commitment to Online Evensong thus far. We have come a long way and it has been a greatly enriching experience for all of us joining in from our homes.

If you are interested in reading a lesson or leading prayers, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our Chapel Clerk, Cherona Chapman.

Here's the link you will need to join.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85399621119?pwd=dGhSV2RVL2taWndYY0dmZnJFaWcvQT09>

Meeting ID: 853 9962 1119

Password: 242131

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 *(Teddy Hall 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

Teddy Hall Chaplain pronounces the Absolution.



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

Psalm 104:24-31

O Lord, how manifold are thy works *
in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.
So is the great and wide sea also *
wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan *
whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein.
These wait all upon thee *
that thou mayest give them meat in due season.
When thou givest it them they gather it *
and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good.
When thou hidest thy face they are troubled *
when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust.
When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made *
and thou shalt renew the face of the earth.
The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever *
the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

The 1st Lesson

Reading from the Book of Numbers 11.24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.



Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp. **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat *(Led by members of Teddy Hall choir)*

The 2nd Lesson *(Read by Revd Andrew Gregory)*

Reading from Acts 2.1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the



Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' **Thanks be to God.**

The Nunc Dimittis *(Sung by members of Teddy Hall choir)*

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)*

“Freedom in the Spirit”

Revd Andrew Gregory, Chaplain, University College

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

[Andrew teaches New Testament papers in the Faculty of Theology and Religion and visiting students. Additionally, he has taught New Testament for the Diocese of Oxford. His research focuses on the New Testament especially the Gospels and Acts and other early Christian literature especially the Apostolic Fathers and Christian Apocrypha. He is co-editor of two series of early Christian texts published by Oxford University Press: the Oxford Apostolic Fathers, and the Oxford Early Christian Gospel Texts. He is currently working on the reception of traditions about Jesus in the period after the New Testament, on Christian Apocrypha, and on the political context of early Christianity in the Roman Empire].

The Responses *(Plainsong led by Teddy Hall members)*

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 *(Teddy Hall 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.

Instrumental *(Choral Scholar, Callum Beck)*

Folk whistle, plays 'Skye Boat Song' (Spirit of God, unseen as the wind)

The Intercessions *(Led by Teddy Hall members)*

Ending with:

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
for the sake of thy Son,



Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Notices and Information

The Blessing (*Teddy Hall 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 Teddy Hall 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 Revd Andrew Gregory for his kind sermon.

We extend our gratitude to our Choral Scholars, Organ Scholars, members of Teddy Hall Choir, working jointly in organising music and making online Evensong special for us.

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Next Evensong: Week 7
Sunday 7th June at 5:30pm
Speaker: Dr Martin Whittingham



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