

ST EDMUND HALL

Choral Evensong

The 18th Sunday after Trinity



Speaker: The Revd Anthony Buckley

Being oneself, changing the world

11 October 2020

6.30 pm

What is Evensong?

Evensong is one of the Church of England's ancient services. It provides an open and generous space for quiet and reflection, for song and speech and prayer, as it draws from biblical readings, canticles, and the Church's long tradition of hymns. All are welcome.

*Many have said, "Prayer is the key to the day and the lock to the night." In the Anglican tradition, daily prayer is set at morning and evening for precisely this purpose: to give the opportunity to greet each new day as a divine gift and to prepare our hearts and minds for rest each night. It is founded in a sense of gratitude and wonder, and centred on the faith of Jesus Christ. We invite everyone to join in, as they are able, by listening attentively to the choir, readers, and ministers, and by saying together with us those prayers that are marked in **bold**: the Lord's Prayer, the Grace, and the Amens.*

This year, we are meeting in many locations, not just in the Chapel. Space is primarily limited to the choir, readers, and speaker, but contact the chaplain to enquire about seating. Those who cannot join us in person may do so by Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87112377996?pwd=bm9zMWZreEl4MlRiK2toOXNvNW9aZz09>

Please join us for drinks after the service.

Speaker

Our speaker this evening is the Revd Anthony Buckley, Vicar of St Michael at the North Gate. Anthony studied history at Keble, taught in a comprehensive school in Hereford, trained for ordination at Wycliffe Hall, was a Vicar in Folkestone and then a school chaplain in London. He moved back to Oxford in January 2019 to become City Rector and Vicar of St Michael at the North Gate.



ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale prelude on *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* / 'Deck thyself,
my soul, with gladness'

J.S. BACH (1685-175)

The choir sings the **INTROIT:**

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

Words: Psalm 34:8, 1 Peter 2:3

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The **PRECES & RESPONSES:**

+ O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Ghost;
Choir: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Ayleward

Words of welcome are offered, after which the choir sings **PSALM 33:**

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down into the beard : even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.

Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.

For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.

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.

Chant: Nares

The **FIRST LESSON** (1 Samuel 17:32-40):

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

Saul clothed David with his armour; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armour, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The **MAGNIFICAT:**

+ My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
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.

Words: *Luke 1:46–55*
Music: Plainchant, Tone 8

The **SECOND LESSON** (Luke 19:1-10):

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

The **NUNC DIMITTIS**:

+ 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.

Words: *Luke 2:29–32*

Music: Plainchant, Tone 8

The APOSTLES' CREED:

All: 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 Ghost,
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 Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
+ the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Tthe LESSER LITANY:

The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: 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.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

LORD, we beseech thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST 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.

Choir: Amen.

Music: Plainchant

All sit for the ADDRESS

“Being Oneself, Changing the World”

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All kneel or sit for the INTERCESSIONS, which may include this response:

Lord, in thy mercy
All: **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude with the GRACE:

All: **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

The Chaplain gives NOTICES and we sing the HYMN (NEH 372):

He who would valiant be
'Gainst all disaster,
Let him in constancy
 Follow the Master.
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
 To be a pilgrim.

Who so beset him round
With dismal stories
Do but themselves confound—
 His strength the more is
No foes shall stay his might,
Though he with giants fight:
He will make good his right
 To be a pilgrim.

Since, Lord, thou dost defend
Us with thy Spirit.
We know we at the end
 Shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away!
I'll fear not what men say,
I'll labour night and day
 To be a pilgrim.

Words: John Bunyan 1628-88 and Percy Dearmer 1867-1936

Music: *Monksgate*

The **BLESSING**

The **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Toccatà in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

All are invited to drinks after the service.

The **COLLECTIONS** this term will go to support the Locality Response Centres, the Oxford Hub, and the charity Shelter, providing relief to those hit hardest by the Covid-19 outbreak. We invite all who can to give generously.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 23 October Compline by Candlelight, the Crypt (9:20pm)
2 November Solemn Prayers for All Souls (12:30pm)

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

The Sunday Evensong Address series this term is *'Making a Difference'*

- 18 October 'Love in Action'
Speaker: The Revd Helen Arnold
Lead Chaplain, Thames Valley Police
- 25 October 'The Potter and the Clay'
Speaker: The Revd Gale Richards
Minister, Zion Baptist Church, Cambridge