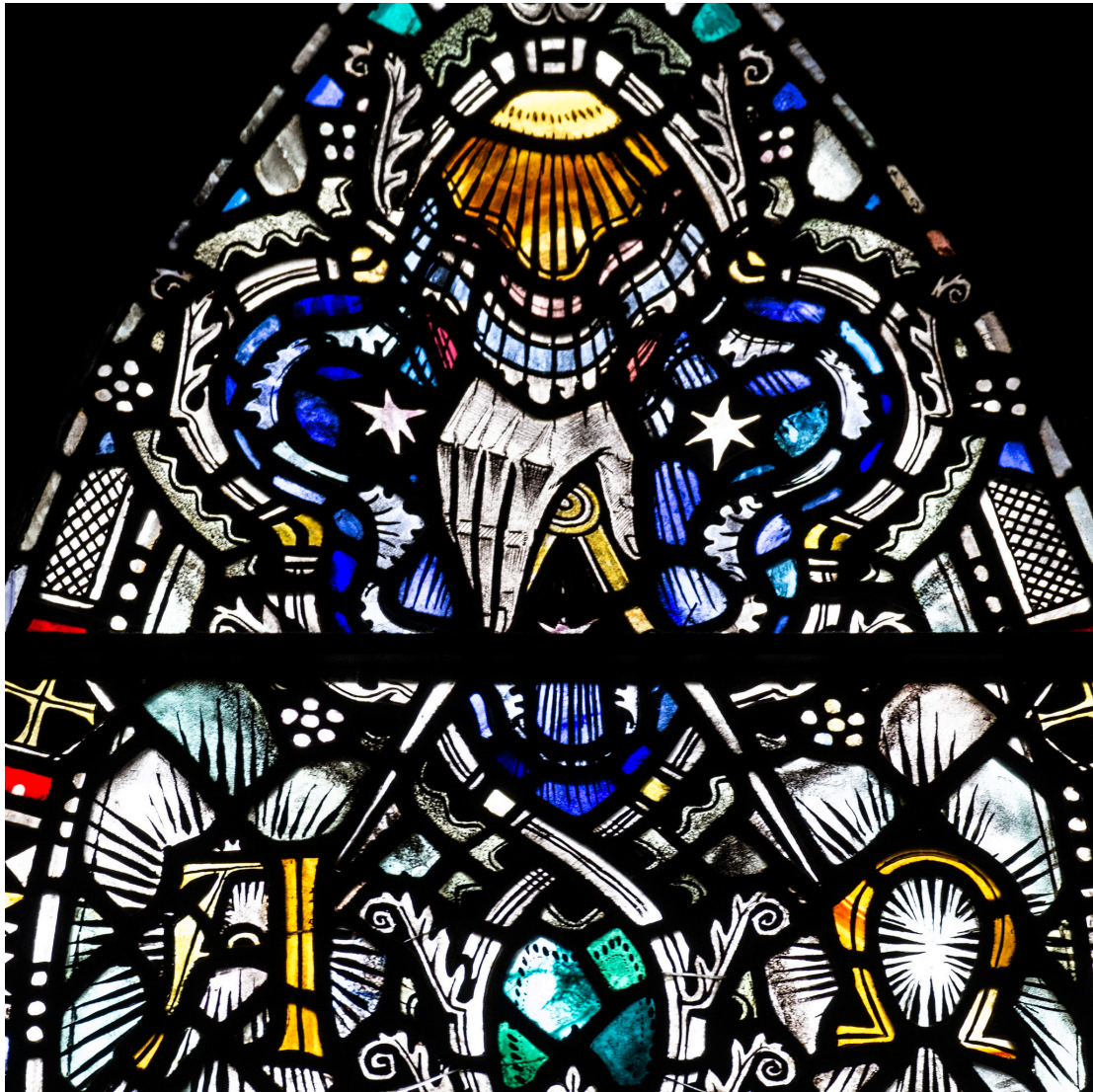


# Choral Evensong

Chapel of St Edmund Hall



Trinity Sunday

30 May 2021

6.15pm

## Evensong: Easter to Trinity

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.

We began term in the season of Easter, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the new world created by his life and work. We celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. Christ, seated at the right hand of God the Father, pours out upon his disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today is the Feast of the Holy Trinity, in which we offer praise and blessing to God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The occasion lends its name to Oxford's spring term, and to all the Sundays between now and the renewal of the Church year at Advent. After an unpredictable year, we will take time to remember the gifts we have received in our communion with God and one another.

We are nearly all on Zoom. We invite everyone to join in, as they are able, by listening attentively to the choir, readers, and ministers, and by saying together (on mute) those prayers that are marked in **bold**: the Lord's Prayer, the Grace, and the Amens. We encourage you to sing along, too (on mute).  
Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 871 1237 7996

Password: 569780

This evening's speaker is the Chaplain, the Revd Dr Zachary Guiliano.



Cover image: Stained glass of creation. Photo by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP.

## Organ Voluntary

### Opening Sentence

Blessed be God the Father of glory, blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ, and blessed be the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. To the Triune God be honour, glory, and blessing now and for ever.

Adapted from Ephesians 1:17

### *The chaplain offers words of welcome, followed by the* **Preces & Responses**

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

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

Choir: 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.

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

Music: Plainsong

*The Choir sings* Psalm 33.1-6

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous,  
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the Lord with harp;  
sing praises unto him with the lute,  
and instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto the Lord a new song;  
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true;  
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement;  
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,  
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

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.

Music: Henry Lawes (1596-1662)

## The First Lesson (Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31)

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
'To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

*The Choir sings the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)*

+ 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.

Music: Setting in C by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

## The Second Lesson (2 Corinthians 13.11-13)

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

### *The Choir sings the* **Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2.29-32)**

+ 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.

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## 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.

## The Lesser Litany

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

Let us pray.

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



Our Father,  
All: 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**

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We

beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end.

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: Plainsong

### *The Choir sings the Anthem*

Where Thou reignest, King of Glory,  
Throned in everlasting light,  
In thy courts no more is needed  
Sun by day nor moon by night.

God most Holy, we adore Thee  
Ever blessed Trinity.

**Words:** Benjamin Webb (1820-1885), adapted by F.A.W. Docker

**Music:** Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Address

*The Chaplain*

Intercessions *may include this response*

All: Lord, in thy mercy  
hear our prayer.

*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 the Choir sings the Hymn (NEH 159), vv. 1, 4-6*

I bind unto myself today  
The strong name of the Trinity,  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind unto myself today  
The virtues of the star-lit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
The whiteness of the moon at even,  
The flashing of the lightning free,  
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,  
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today  
The power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, his might to stay,  
His ear to hearken to my need.  
The wisdom of my God to teach,  
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech,  
His heavenly host to be my guard.

I bind unto myself the name,  
The strong name of the Trinity;  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all nature hath creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

Words: 'St Patrick's Breastplate' (372-466), trans. C.F. Alexander  
(1818-1895)

Melody: St Patrick's Breastplate in *The Petrie Collection of the  
Ancient Music of Ireland* as edited by Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

The Blessing

Organ Voluntary

## Regular Services (25 April to 19 June)

Sunday	6.15pm	Choral Evensong
Mon-Thurs	6pm	Evening Prayer
Wed	12:30pm	Eucharist

During the week, Evening Prayer and the Eucharist take place in person for all members of college. Choral Evensong has limited in person spaces, and is broadcast via Zoom.

## Special Services

### Thursday 3 June, Corpus Christi (6pm)

We will have a sung Eucharist on this feast, celebrating the gift of Holy Communion. It will take the place of Evening Prayer that day. The choir will be singing William Byrd's *Ave Verum Corpus*, along with a setting of the Mass.

## Other Activities

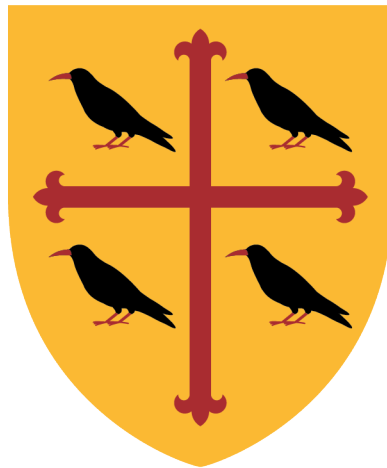
### Wednesday Reading Group (4.30pm)

We will be discussing Rowan Williams, *Luminaries: Twenty Lives that Illuminate the Christian Way*. All members of college are welcome, and staff and students from Magdalen may join us online. Next week we finish off the book with a final discussion of saints.

### St Edmund Saturdays (2.30pm)

The Chaplain leads a walk each Saturday afternoon. Next Saturday, Dr Edmund Wareham will lead us on a historical tour of the churches and chapels of East Oxford.





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