

PARISH OF ESHER
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

Choral Evensong

Christ Church Dedication Festival



*You also are built together spiritually
into a dwelling-place for God.*

Ephesians 2.22

Opening Voluntary

Prelude no. 2 from Five Preludes & Fugues
Karel Jirák (1891-1972)

The Introit

Please remain seated while the choir sings.

Cantate Domino

*Words from Psalm 149:1-2
Music: Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)*

Words of Welcome and Introduction

The minister greets the people.

Hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn.

Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Words: Trad. pre-9th century Latin, trans J M Neale (1818-1866)
Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, adapted from Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Sentence of Scripture

How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.

Genesis 28.17

The Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall show 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.

Setting by Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

Psalm 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing, to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts my
King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery, use it for a well: and the pools
are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods
appeareth everyone of them in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: hearken O God of Jacob.

Behold O God our defender: and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts: is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God: than to dwell
in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence: the Lord will give grace
and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them
that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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: Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

The First Lesson

Please be seated.

1 Kings 8.22-30

Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

Magnificat

Please stand.

Luke 1.46-55: The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 showed 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.

Setting by Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

The Second Lesson

Please be seated.

Matthew 21.12-16

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying
in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and
the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written,

"My house shall be called a house of prayer";
but you are making it a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

Nunc Dimittis

Please stand.

Luke 2.29-32: The Song of Simeon

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.

Setting by Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)

The Apostles' Creed

All remain standing and face the altar.

**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 Responses

The Lord be with you:
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

*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, show thy mercy upon us:
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King:
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.

Setting by Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

The Collects

Almighty God,
to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise thee for the many blessings
thou hast given to those who worship thee here:
and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to thee;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

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.

Hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn.

O praise ye the Lord

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

*Words: H W Baker (1821-1877), based on Psalm 150
Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, Hubert Parry (1848-1918)*

Sermon

The Revd Jonathan Andrew

Anthem

Please remain seated while the choir sings the anthem.

I was glad

I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates: O Jerusalem.
Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*Words from Psalm 22
Music: Hubert Parry (1848-1918)*

Prayers

The president introduces the prayers.

One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us:
hear our prayer. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Hymn

Please stand to sing the hymn.

How shall I sing that majesty

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

*Text: John Mason (1645-1694)
Tune: COE FEN, Kenneth Naylor (1931-1991),
last verse descant by Mike Emerson (b. 1954)*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Final Responses

The Lord be with you:
and with thy Spirit.
Let us bless the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in G major, BWV 541
J S Bach (1685-1750)

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