

CHORAL EVENSONG



IN CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III



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PERSHORE ABBEY

THE WELCOME by Canon Claire Lording

HYMN

All stand and sing

Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Tune: GOPSAL

Author: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE INTRODUCTION TO CONFESSION

All kneel or sit

THE GENERAL CONFESSION

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

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.

All stand

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.

All sit

PSALM 121

1. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
2. My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
3. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
4. Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
6. So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
8. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

All stand for the Gloria at the end of the psalm

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.

All sit

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 8: 1-16

read by

Emily Savage, 1st Pershore Brownies

Evie-Mai Jones, 1st Pershore Brownies

Able Cadet Jon Michaela, Pershore Sea Cadet

All stand

MAGNIFICAT

Brewer in D, (Herbert Brewer, 1865-1928)

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.

All sit

THE SECOND READING

Ephesians 3: 14-21

read by

Mrs Olive Hall

All stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Brewer in D, (Herbert Brewer, 1865-1928)

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.

All remain standing

THE CREED

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 living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholick Church; The Communion of
Saints, The forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, And the life
everlasting. Amen.

All remain standing

THE VERSICLES

The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All 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, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

(Reading)

O Lord, shew 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.

THE COLLECTS

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

THE ANTHEM

The Choir will sing *Zadok the Priest* by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

All stand

HYMN

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other,
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Tune: SERVANT SONG

Author: Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

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All kneel or sit

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Tune: MICHAEL

Author: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)
based on Meine Hoffnung stehet feste, by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

THE BLESSING

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King!
long live our noble King!

God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us,
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

[Author Unknown, c. 1745]

Clergy and choir process out.

Please stay for refreshments

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