

Worship from King's College Chapel Episode 3 Transcript

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[00:00:49] **INTROIT:** Pie Jesu (Gabriel Fauré) **CANTOR: Emma Bell**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:03:13] You or Lord, are my lamp, you turn our darkness into light. The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

[00:03:25] And also with you.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:03:27] A very warm welcome to King's College Chapel at the University of Aberdeen for Evening Prayer. It is great to have you with us. My name is Marylee and I am one of the University Chaplains. Today, I'm joined by our Director of Chapel Music, Stuart Muir, who is also playing the organ; our Duncan Hopkin Conducting Scholar, Liam Dyker, as well as two members of the University of Aberdeen Chapel Choir: Emma Bell and Chris Brighty. And if you'd like to follow with us, orders of service are available on the Chapel website. So wherever you are joining us from, you are welcome. For here in this place and time, God welcomes all the dreamers as well as the doubters. Here, in this time, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name. Here in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us always. Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God: who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

[00:05:06] **HYMN:** O Light whose splendour thrills and gladdens. **CANTOR: Chris Brighty**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:06:36] Let's pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe! Your word brings on the dusk of evening, your wisdom creates both night and day. You determine the cycles of time, arrange the succession of the seasons, and establish the stars in their heavenly courses. Lord of the starry hosts is your name. Living and eternal God, rule over us always. Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes evening fall. Amen.

Let my prayer be as incense to you: the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

[00:07:47] **PSALM 141:** O Lord, come quickly when I call. **CANTOR: Emma Bell**

PSALM 31: Lord, be my rock of safety. **CANTOR: Chris Brighty**

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:11:21] Let us pray. Lord, teach us the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach us to silence our own hearts and minds that we may listen for the movement of your Holy Spirit and feel your presence in the depths of our being. Amen.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:12:05] The scripture reading for tonight comes from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 4, verses 35 to 41. On that day when evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him. A great windstorm arose and the waves beat into the boat so that the boat was already being swamped. But Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. The disciples woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' Jesus woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still.' Then the wind ceased and there was a dead calm. He said to his disciples, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'

And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:13:34] Our scripture reading tonight tells the familiar story of a time when Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee with his disciples and they face a huge storm; and anyone who has been at sea in a storm knows the sense of helplessness in the face of elemental powers that it creates. Tonight's scripture reminds us that we all face times in our lives that feel like storms, when our foundations are rocked; when it all seems too much to bear and we lose heart, or when powerful emotions grip us; times when we feel as if God has abandoned us. But the story of Jesus calming the storm reminds us that during the midst of the storms that all of us face, God is with us. Even when we feel that God is distant and we struggle to feel God's presence with us, God is with us. When Jesus calmed the storm, he was also speaking to the fearful disciples and our words that we all need to hear and be reminded of. The scripture reminds us that in the midst of the storm, God is with us and says to us all, 'Peace! Be still. I am with you now and always.'

[00:15:20] **THE MAGNIFICAT:** My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord. **CANTOR:** Emma Bell

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:17:54] Let's continue in prayer. Gracious God, you are a God of hospitality. There is none like you that invites all to come to you. You have invited all to your home, to your table and to your arms. Lord, help us to remember that we are all precious in your sight, that you have created each and every one of us and help us to treat those around us with the love that you have shown and given us. Generous God, because you treat us with your tender love, we take time to pray for our friends and family and others who need you more than ever, those who we hold close to our own hearts and especially those within our community who are struggling with grief. We pray that your healing hands would rest on those who need it, both physically, mentally and spiritually; be generous with your transforming love. Reconciling God, we take time to remember those who struggle throughout the world as a result of war. For those situations that we are reminded of in the news, the papers and even on our Facebook pages. Situations that we can feel helpless to do anything about. Lord, show us the ways in which we can help. May your presence bring peace, wisdom and comfort.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:19:45] And together, in peace, let us pray to the Lord that this evening may be holy, good and peaceful: we pray to you, O Lord. That all we have done this day and the people we have met may bring us closer to you: we pray to you, O Lord. That we may be forgiven our sins and offences: we pray to you, O Lord. That we hear and respond to your call to peace and justice: we pray to you, O Lord. That you will sustain the faith and hope of the weary, the lonely and the oppressed: we pray to you, O Lord. That you will strengthen us in your service and fill our hearts with longing for your kingdom: we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:21:11] Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

[00:22:03] **ANTHEM:** Come, my way, my truth, my life (R Vaughan Williams) **CANTOR:**
Chris Brighty

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:24:02] Let us pray. Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in your presence. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Rev Marylee Anderson [00:25:19] May God bless us in our sleep with rest, in our dreams, with vision, in our waking with a calm mind, in our soul with a friendship of the Holy Spirit this night and every night. And wherever you go, may the blessing of God: Source of all being Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, be with you, those you love and for whom you pray, this night and always. Amen.

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