



KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Choral Evensong

**Recorded on
Wednesday 6 October 2021
At 5.15pm**

Order of Service

Welcome to King's College Chapel

Choral Evensong is a beautifully reflective service in which *the **song** of voices sounding together in harmony is heard at the **even** point between the active day and restful night*, allowing those listening time for contemplation.

Originating from the combination of the two monastic services of Vespers and Compline, Evensong is one of the traditional services of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church which came into use around 1549. Composers such as William Byrd and Thomas Tallis started composing exquisite polyphonic music for Evensong some decades later, and that tradition of composing music for the service continues to this day.

The words of this ancient service connect us to the worship that has gone on in the University Chapel for centuries and will continue after us.

Whilst the service is led by clergy and choir, the congregation are invited to participate by singing the hymns, joining in the words in bold type and by standing for the 'Gloria Patri...' ('Glory be to the Father...') at various points in the service. As with the other directions given for standing and sitting, please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you throughout the service.

We hope you find this time of reflection in word and song both comforting and refreshing.

*We welcome you to Wednesday Worship
every week during term time*

Introit

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

Welcome

Hymn 147

All creatures of our God and King (vv 1,3,5,7)

Minister

'If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1 vv 8,9)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. Let us pray.

All:

We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, through our own grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us. Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us all our sins and deliver us from evil, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

Priest:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Preces and Responses: S Wallace

Minister:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir:

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister:

O God, make speed to save us;

Choir:

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Congregation please stand)

Minister:

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

Minister:

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

The Lord's Name be praised.

(Congregation please sit)

Psalm 121 - chant: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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

Old Testament Lesson

Job 39: 1-18

'Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

'Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

'Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

'The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider.

Reader: Here ends the First Lesson

Choir: Tone VII.i – Fauxbourdon Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Reader: Here ends the Second Lesson

Choir: Tone V.i – Fauxbourdon Thomas Morley

(Congregation please stand)

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.

(Congregation please sit)

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

Minister: Let us pray.
Choir: 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.

Minister: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Minister: O Lord, save the Queen;
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister: O Lord, save thy people;
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Minister: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,
O God.
Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Minister: Let us pray.

THE FIRST COLLECT, FOR ST FRANCIS

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE SECOND 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

