

# Worship from King's College Chapel Podcasts

## Season 3 – Wednesday Worship Winter Term 2021

### Episode 8 Transcript – Choral Evensong (*following the Feast of Christ the King*)

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**Introit**            *Clap your hands, all ye people*                                  Martin Willems (b1998)

**Rev Dr James Garnett** Please be seated. A warm welcome to King's College Chapel for this service of Choral Evensong. My name is James, I'm one of the Honorary Chaplains here at the University of Aberdeen. Please do join us after the service for tea and coffee, which will be served in the James Mackay Hall. The entrance is in the quad, through the double doors on the left as you leave the Chapel.

Last Sunday was celebrated in the worldwide church as the Feast of Christ the King. This evening, we will add our voices to those hymns of praise to Christ and in bringing our prayers for the Church, our World, each other and ourselves. Please do join in with the words printed in bold type in your order of service, with the singing of the two hymns and by standing when indicated as you're able.

The introit we have just heard was written by our own King's College Organ Scholar, Martin Willems. Thank you, Martin. The choir will be raising their voices to God on our behalf in music by Stanford, Vaughan Williams and J S Bach. But now, let us all join in that proclamation of wonder and praise in hymn 128. How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire, and stand as you are able.

**Hymn 128**    How shall I sing

**Minister:**     Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. (*Hebrews 12. 1, 2.*)

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**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 in G major*

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 150 – chant: C V Stanford**

O praise God in his holiness:  
praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts:  
praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:  
praise him on the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances:  
praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:  
praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath:  
praise the Lord.

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**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Here ends the first lesson.

Choir: Magnificat: R Vaughan Williams in C major (1872-1958)

**New Testament Lesson** John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"  
Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Here ends the second lesson.

Choir: Nunc Dimittis: R Vaughan Williams in C major (1872-1958)

*(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.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy God, who hast given unto thy Son Jesus Christ the Name which is above every name: mercifully grant that as thy faithful people have comfort and peace in his Name, so they may ever labour to proclaim it unto all nations; through the same 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 fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

#### THE THIRD COLLECT, FOR AID AGAINST ALL 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. *Amen.*

**Anthem:** *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

**Rev Dr James Garnett** We bring to God our prayers for the Church, our World, each other and ourselves. I invite you to respond to the bidding, Thy kingdom come, with the words, **Thy will be done.** Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done.**

Let's pray together. Heavenly King, ruler of the universe, Father, Son and Spirit. We give you thanks and praise for your Church throughout the generations and for its witness to the power of your eternal love. We remember in particular, this Chapel and the witness of the Chaplaincy in this place of learning. May the Church in all the differences and dissent that it encompasses, be strengthened in its witness to the love that binds us together in Christ. Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done.**

We give thanks for all those who take on the responsibilities of leadership; of nations, of corporations, of thought and culture, of public institutions, including this university. And we give thanks for all those who enable leaders to hear the voices of people without power. May all those with authority be guided by your spirit of wisdom. And may those who live at the margins of society know your justice. Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done.**

We give thanks for each other, for our colleagues, families and friends, for all in whom we see the face of Christ. May we be your love for them. We remember before you, the people we know near and far who are in particular need of your comfort just now. Thy kingdom come, **Thy will be done.**

As we bring before you our concerns, our hopes, our desires and our regrets, we also bring our hearts. We give you thanks that you accept us as who we are. And we pray that you will continue your transforming work in us. Abide with us so that we may abide as citizens of your kingdom of love; tonight, tomorrow and forevermore. Amen.

Please stand as you're able to sing the hymn number 465, Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart.

**Hymn 465** Be thou my vision

**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.**

**Recessional** *Prelude in A minor BWV 543*

J S Bach (1685-1750)

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