



# WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

## EVENSONG

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE GIRLS' CHOIR

*Sung by the Cathedral Choir and Former Choristers*

Sunday 5th May 2024  
3.30 pm

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Winchester Cathedral Girls' Choir sang their first service on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1999 under the leadership of Sarah Baldock, joining a musical tradition at the Cathedral stretching back nearly a thousand years. Today, as we celebrate 25 years of music-making and friendship, it is a great delight to be joined by former choristers and colleagues.

To mark this special anniversary, two new works have been commissioned with the generous support of former choristers and their parents. The introit *O nata lux* by Kerensa Briggs and the anthem *A Prayer for Choristers* by Simon Lole will both be premiered at this service.

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Lauded by the New York Times for her 'poignant, ambivalent and quietly devastating music', **Kerensa Briggs** is an award-winning composer specialising in choral music. She is currently Composer in Residence for St Louis Chamber Chorus. Her love of choral music emanates from her background, singing in choirs including Gloucester Cathedral Youth and the choir of Choir King's College London, where she held a Choral Scholarship and undertook an MMus in Composition.

**Simon Lole** has spent a lifetime in music, starting as a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral. He received his musical training at the Guildhall School of Music and King's College London. He spent many years as a professional musician, culminating in positions as Director of Music at Sheffield Cathedral and then Salisbury Cathedral, and running the Chapel Choir and teaching at Jesus College, Cambridge. Since 2005, he has worked as a freelance musician: musical director, composer, arranger, conductor and organist, as well as record producer and workshop leader.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Stand as the Choir and Clergy enter*

## THE INTROIT

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
Dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes precesque sumere.

*O Light born of Light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive  
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Qui carne quondam contegi  
Dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici  
Tui beati corporis.

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh  
for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members  
of thy blessed body.*

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Laudes precesque sumere.

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Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
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*Office Hymn*

*Kerensa Briggs (b.1991)  
First Performance*

## THE WELCOME

*The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester,  
welcomes the congregation and introduces the service*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

*Remain standing. The Cantor and Choir sing*

○ Lord, open thou our lips;  
and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us;  
○ 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.

*Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)*

## THE HYMN



Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!  
The Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
My God and King!

*George Herbert (1593–1633)*

*Luckington 394 NEH  
Basil Harwood (1859–1949)*

*The Choir sing*

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 upon 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 every thing 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.

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Song of Solomon 4.16–5.2; 8.6, 7

### *Sit for the first lesson*

Awake, O north wind,  
and come, O south wind!  
Blow upon my garden  
that its fragrance may be wafted abroad.  
Let my beloved come to his garden,  
and eat its choicest fruits.

I come to my garden, my sister, my bride;  
I gather my myrrh with my spice,  
I eat my honeycomb with my honey,  
I drink my wine with my milk.

Eat, friends, drink,  
and be drunk with love.

I slept, but my heart was awake.  
Listen! my beloved is knocking.  
'Open to me, my sister, my love,  
my dove, my perfect one;  
for my head is wet with dew,  
my locks with the drops of the night.'  
Set me as a seal upon your heart,  
as a seal upon your arm;  
for love is strong as death,  
passion fierce as the grave.  
Its flashes are flashes of fire,  
a raging flame.

Many waters cannot quench love,  
neither can floods drown it.  
If one offered for love  
all the wealth of one's house,  
it would be utterly scorned.

## MAGNIFICAT

*Stand as the Song of Mary is sung by the Choir*

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.

*Luke 1:46-55*

*C V Stanford (1852-1924) in B flat*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Revelation 5.11–14

*Sit for the New Testament reading*

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Stand as the Song of Simeon is sung by the Choir*

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.

*Luke 2:29-32*

*C V Stanford in B flat*

## THE APOSTLES' 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 quick 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.

## THE LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you;  
and with thy spirit.

*Kneel or sit*

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## THE VERSICLES & RESPONSES

○ Lord, show thy mercy upon us:  
and grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King:  
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness:  
and make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people:  
and bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord:  
because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us:  
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Philip Radcliffe*

## THE COLLECTS

O Lord, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *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 FLEURY PRAYER

God bless this Cathedral Church,  
the Diocese of Winchester,  
the Benedictine Community of Fleury,  
and the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## AN ANTHEM

*Sit for the Anthem sung by the Choir*

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.

*Psalm 122: 1–3, 6–7*

*Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

## THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle, Dean of Winchester

*Stand for the opening prayer, then sit*

## AN ANTHEM

*Remain seated as the Choir sings*

Lord, I am not high-minded:  
I have no proud looks.  
I do not exercise myself in great matters  
which are too high for me.  
But I refrain my soul, and keep it low,  
like a child that is weaned from his mother,  
my soul is even as a weaned child.

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants,  
who minister in thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips,  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts,  
we may show forth in our lives,  
now and forever.  
Sing Hallelujah!

*Text from Psalm 131 and The Chorister's Prayer*

*Simon Lole (b.1957)  
First Performance*

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Kneel or sit*

## THE GRACE

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.

## THE HYMN

*Stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection is taken for the mission and ministry of the Cathedral*



Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.

For we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best which thou hast given  
earth and heaven  
render thee.

*Francis Pott (1832–1909)*

*Angel-voices 336 NEH  
Edwin George Monk (1819–1900)*

## THE BLESSING

*Remain standing*

May God, who gives patience and encouragement,  
give you a spirit of unity  
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,  
so that with one voice you may glorify  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
this night and for evermore.  
**Amen.**

## THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Allegro (Deuxième Symphonie, Op. 20, i)    *Louis Vierne (1870–1937)*

*Stand as the Choir and Clergy recess*

*All are invited to remain to listen to the Organ Voluntary which is offered as a part of the act of worship. Those who wish to leave are asked to give consideration to those who are remaining*

*Refreshments are served in the North Transept after the service*



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