



St George's Anglican Church, Malvern

# SOLEMN CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



3 November 2024

6:00 p.m.

**And a great multitude,  
from every nation and tribe  
and people and language,  
cried with a loud voice, saying,  
'Salvation belongs to our God  
who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb.'**

*Revelation 7:10*

*All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.*

*A sentence of Scripture appropriate to the day is read, or an Introit is sung.*

*The Minister then says:*

**Priest:** O Lord, open thou our lips.

**Answer:** **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

**Priest:** O God, make speed to save us.

**Answer:** **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up, the Priest shall say,*

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.**

*Preces and Responses: Michael Gibson (b. 1939)*

*Then shall be sung the Psalms as be appointed, by the choir. The people sit.*

## PSALM 145

### *Exaltabo te, Deus*

1. I will magnify thee, O God, my King:  
and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
2. Every day will I give thanks unto thee:  
and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised:  
there is no end of his greatness.
4. One generation shall praise thy works unto another:  
and declare thy power.
5. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship:  
thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
6. So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts:  
and I will also tell of thy greatness.
7. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed:  
and men shall sing of thy righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious, and merciful:  
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9. The Lord is loving unto every man:  
and his mercy is over all his works.
10. All thy works praise thee, O Lord:  
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
11. They shew the glory of thy kingdom:  
and talk of thy power;
12. That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom:  
might be known unto men.
13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:  
and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
14. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall:  
and lifteth up all those that are down.
15. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16. Thou openest thine hand:  
and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17. The Lord is righteous in all his ways:  
and holy in all his works.
18. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him:  
yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:  
he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20. The Lord preserveth all them that love him:  
but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

*All stand for the Gloria Patri*

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.

*Chant: Edgar Day (1883–1983)*

*Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed.*

Here begins the 40<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

*Isaiah 40:28–31*

Here ends the first lesson.

*All stand for the Office Hymn:*



A - men.

- 1 Father, in whom thy saints are one,  
bought by the blood of thy dear Son,  
we praise thee for thy hallowing grace  
in those who now behold thy face.
- 2 For they have gained eternal rest,  
and in the heavenly mansions blest  
they dwell among the angelic throng,  
and hear the one unending song.
- 3 The patriarchs and prophets old  
the heavenly splendour now behold;  
the Baptist, herald of thy Son,  
enjoys the fruit of labour done.

- 4 But first among the saintly band,  
the Mother, at her Son's right hand,  
adores the Saviour's endless love,  
in that eternal home above.
- 5 The twelve now see the Father's face,  
while all who've run their earthly race  
in one glad company rejoice  
to hear the heavenly bridegroom's voice.
- 6 Father of all, to thee we pray,  
keep us for ever in the way  
that leads us to the heavenly rest  
among the glories of the blest.
- 7 To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
all worship, love and honour be,  
both now and in eternity. Amen.

Words: freely based on Latin hymns for *All Saints*  
tr G.B. Timms (1910–1945)  
Music: Plainchant (Mode i)

*And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is sung by the choir in English, as followeth, all still standing.*

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.

*Setting: Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

*Then a Lesson of the New Testament, as it is appointed.*

Here begins the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel of John:

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.  
And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified  
in truth.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will  
believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you,  
Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the  
world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given  
me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them  
and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world  
may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have  
loved me.

*John 17:18–23*

Here ends the second lesson.

*And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon), as followeth, all standing.*

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.

*Setting: Charles Wood (1866–1926)*

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing, and facing east.*

**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.**

*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

*All kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.



*Then the Minister, Clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice:*

**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.**

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

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.**

*Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.*

*The Collect for the Feast of All Saints:*

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

*The Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

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.**

*In Quires and places where they sing here followeth the Anthem*

*And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.  
And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.  
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them and be their God.  
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes,  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain,  
for the former things are passed away.*

Words: Revelation 21:1-4  
Music: Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*All kneel*

*A Prayer for the King's Majesty.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Royal Family.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Queen *Camilla*, *William* Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for the Clergy and People.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, [*specially Philip, Bishop of this Diocese*] and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*A Prayer of Saint [John] Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

**THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.**

**Amen.**

*All stand.*

**Hymn**

- 1 Jerusalem the golden,  
    With milk and honey blest,  
    Beneath your contemplation  
    Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, O I know not,  
    What joys await me there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
    What bliss beyond compare!
- 2 They stand, those halls of Zion,  
    All jubilant with song,  
And bright with many an angel,  
    And all the martyr throng;  
The Prince is ever in them,  
    The daylight is serene,  
The pastures of the blessed  
    Are decked in glorious sheen.

- 3    There is the throne of David,  
      And there, from care released,  
The shout of those who triumph,  
      The song of those who feast;  
And they, who with their Leader,  
      Have conquered in the fight,  
Forever and forever  
      Are clad in robes of white.
- 4    O sweet and blessèd country,  
      Shall I ever see thy face?  
O sweet and blessèd country,  
      Shall I ever win thy grace?  
Exult, O dust and ashes!  
      The Lord shall be thy part:  
His only, his for ever,  
      Thou shalt be, and thou art!

*Words: vv. 1–3 St Bernard of Cluny (12<sup>th</sup> century),  
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818–66)  
v. 4 Hymns Ancient & Modern (1861)  
Music: ‘Ewing’ from St Bede’s,  
a tune by Alexander Ewing (1853)*

## *The Sermon*

*After the Sermon, all stand to sing the following hymn,  
during which the priest receives the offerings of the people and blesses them.*

## Offertory Hymn

- 1 Give us the wings of faith to rise  
within the veil, and see  
the saints above, how great their joys,  
how bright their glories be.
- 2 Once they were mourning here below,  
their couch was wet with tears;  
they wrestled hard, as we do now,  
with sins and doubts and fears.
- 3 We ask them whence their victory came:  
they, with united breath,  
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,  
their triumph to his death.
- 4 They marked the footsteps that he trod,  
his zeal inspired their breast,  
and, following their incarnate God,  
possess the promised rest.
- 5 Our glorious Leader claims our praise  
for his own pattern given;  
while the long cloud of witnesses  
show the same path to heaven.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)  
Music: Song 67, Melody and Bass by Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625),  
from E Prys's *Llyr y Psalamau* (1621)

*Please remain standing as the choir and ministers depart.*

Postlude: *Adagio* (Fugue, E major)  
by Frank Bridge (1879–1941)





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*We acknowledge the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation as the Traditional Custodians of this unceded land upon which we meet.*

*We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, acknowledge their continuing spiritual connection to Country, and affirm our commitment to walk together the path of reconciliation.*