



KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Choral Evensong

(Anticipating the Feast of All Saints)

Led by Rev Dr James Garnett
Honorary Methodist Chaplain

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 *My eyes for beauty pine* Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Welcome

Hymn 748 As stars adorn the night-veiled sky (tune: Gonfalon Royal: 713)

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: Martin Neary (b1940)

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 24 – chant: Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord: or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him: even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory: even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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 Wisdom 5.1-5,14-16

Choir: Herbert Sumsion in A major (1899-1995)

New Testament Lesson Revelation 21.1-4,22-22.5

Choir: Herbert Sumsion in A major (1899-1995)

(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 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.*

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: *O thou, whose all-redeeming might*
Plainsong melody, mode vii; arr. David Blackwell (b1961)

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 742 Rejoice in God's saints

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.**

(Congregation please remain standing until the procession has left)

Recessional *Prelude and Fugue in g minor* Nicolaus Bruhns (1637-1718)

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