

ST GEORGE PEACE MEMORIAL CHURCH



CHORAL EVENSONG
to
GIVE THANKS FOR THE ORDAINED MINISTRY
of the
REVEREND NOEL WHALE

Sunday, 25 September, 2022
at 5.00 p.m.

THE SERVICE

Officiant	The Vicar, The Rev'd Canon John Sanderson
Speaker	Rev'd Noel Whale
Hymns	455, 519, 26, 343
Setting	<i>Fauxbourdon</i> (Morley)
Introit	<i>O Nata Lux</i> (Tallis)
Anthem	<i>O Lord the maker of all things</i> (Mundy)
Postlude	<i>Toccata in D minor</i> (Renaud)
Organist	Roger Brown

This service is incorporated into an occasional service at this parish church of St George, a service of Evensong, which follows the custom of churches with a great choral tradition, where much of the service is sung by the Choir alone. In those parts the congregation is invited ordinarily to make its offering of praise by responding to the beauty of the Choir's music.

After a welcome by the Vicar the service continues with responses sung by the Choir. The roots of the Christian faith in the Old Testament are acknowledged by the singing of a Psalm and the reading of the First Lesson from the Old Testament. The Choir then sings Magnificat, the song of the Virgin Mary when she had received the promise of the birth of Jesus. The Second Lesson is from the New Testament, to which the choir respond by singing Nunc Dimittis, the Song of Simeon, when he saw the child Jesus and recognised in him the fulfilment of the promises to Israel. After an affirmation of faith in the Creed there are further sung prayers. This ends the formal service of Evensong. There follow hymns sung by choir, prayers, and an Address, which this evening is delivered by the Rev'd Noel Whale as we give thanks to God for over fifty years of ministry.

Our Archbishop, the Right Rev'd Dr Philip Freier will pronounce the absolution and the blessing. Please join us for refreshments, which will be served in Evans Hall following the service.

You are asked to remain seated until the conclusion of the Postlude.

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE INTROIT

O Nata Lux

Thoma Tallis (c.1505-85)

Please stand to sing

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Australian Hymn Book 455

The Archbishop, clergy and servers move to their places. Remain standing for

THE WELCOME

The Reverend Canon John Sanderson, MA

Vicar

The minister reads the sentences

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96.9

God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.

John 4.24

The minister introduces the service

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

All kneel and pray

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy name.
Amen.

The Archbishop says

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the absolution and remission of their sins;
he † pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent
and unfeignedly believe in his holy gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit,
that those things may please him which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

All remain kneeling. The Officiant and choir stand. The responses are sung by all.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

All **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

+ O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

All sit for the Psalm and the Bible Readings.

THE PSALM

Setting: Anglican Chant

Psalm 146

Dr Meron Pitcher AM, Vicar's Warden reads

THE FIRST LESSON

Here beginneth the first verse of the sixty-first chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;
but you shall be called priests of the Lord,
you shall be named ministers of our God;
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,
and in their riches you shall glory.

Because their shame was double,
and dishonour was proclaimed as their lot,
therefore they shall possess a double portion;
everlasting joy shall be theirs.
For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61

Hear endeth the First Lesson.

All stand to sing

THE OFFICE HYMN

AHB 519

At the conclusion of the hymn the people remain standing as the choir sing the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55).

THE MAGNIFICAT

+ 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.

The people sit

THE SECOND LESSON

Here beginneth the first verse of the fourth chapter of the First Epistle of the Apostle Paul to Timothy.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron.

They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe.

These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4

Hear endeth the Second Lesson.

All stand. The choir sing

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

+ 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.

The Song of Simeon, St. Luke 2.29-31

All remain standing and are invited to sing together The Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Responses are sung by all.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,

All **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.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

The people kneel or remain seated.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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 sing.

THE VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy holy Spirit from us.**

The Priest sings the Collects.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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 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.**

All sit. The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

O Lord the maker of all things

William Mundy (c. 1529-91)

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

AHB 26

THE SERMON

The Reverend Noel Whale

The Right Reverend David Farrer, leads

THE PRAYERS

All stand as the the Archbishop of Melbourne pronounces

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

AHB 343

The Archbishop, clergy and choir depart

THE VOLUNTARY

Toccata in D minor

Albert Renaud (1851-1924)

THIS WEEK

Monday 26 Sept	8.30am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Ministry Team Weekly Sync. & Co-ord Conference
Tuesday 27 Sept		<i>Vicar - HeartEdge Conference - Leeds, UK</i> <i>Assistant Curate - Austin Hospital</i>
Wednesday 28 Sept		<i>Vicar - HeartEdge Conference - Leeds, UK</i> <i>Assistant Curate - Austin Hospital</i>
	10am	Mattins with Prayers for Peace in Ukraine and Litany of Reconciliation
Thursday 29 Sept		<i>Assistant Curate's Day Off</i>
Friday 30 Sept	10am	Church Service - <i>Benetas, Heidelberg, The Views</i>
	4.30pm	Ministry Team Weekly Review & Debrief
Saturday 1 Oct	1.30pm	Postie Social Styling: Spring & Summer Fashions <i>Evans Hall</i>
Sunday 2 Oct	7.30am	Morning Prayer
	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The service is sung with choristers of the Choir of St George East Ivanhoe conducted by Mr Roger Brown, Director of Music. The Setting for the Service is *Fauxbourdon* by Thomas Morley.

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By the Bishop of Oxford

At Christ Church Cathedral Oxford



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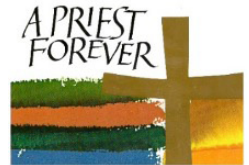
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Thanks be to God for Noel's completion of fifty years in the Priesthood and for all the blessings bestowed upon him. His vocation to the priesthood has been fulfilled in all that he does, both sacred and secular. His ministry has touched the lives of so many people during these years. He has worked tirelessly to enliven the parish communities, and the wider society, in which he has worked. He has poured his particular gifts with great energy and enthusiasm in all that he continues to do. Many people over the years will have been grateful for his pastoral care and concern. He always combines his unique style and flair with a great zest for life, a robust attitude and a refreshing rebellious spirit.



26 September 2021

Let us all give thanks with Noel and pray that the joy of this anniversary will bring him, and all of us, continued blessing and zeal in the years to come.

