



CHORAL EVENSONG
The Epiphany
Sunday 9th January 2022

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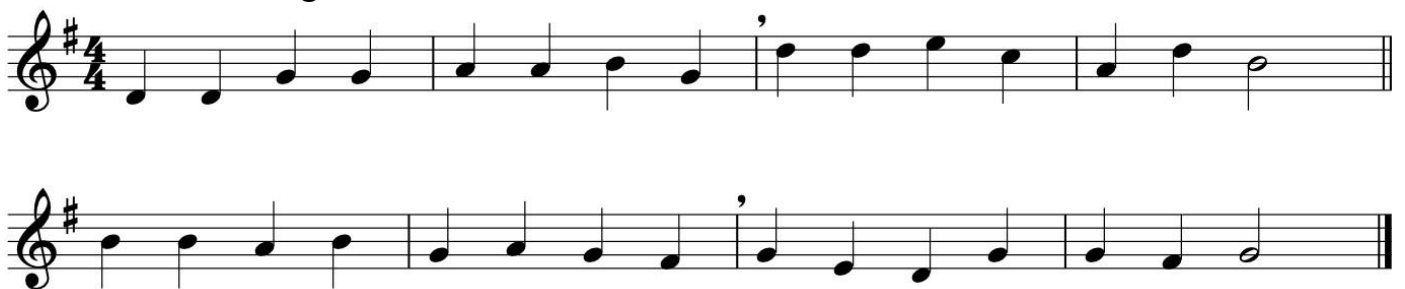
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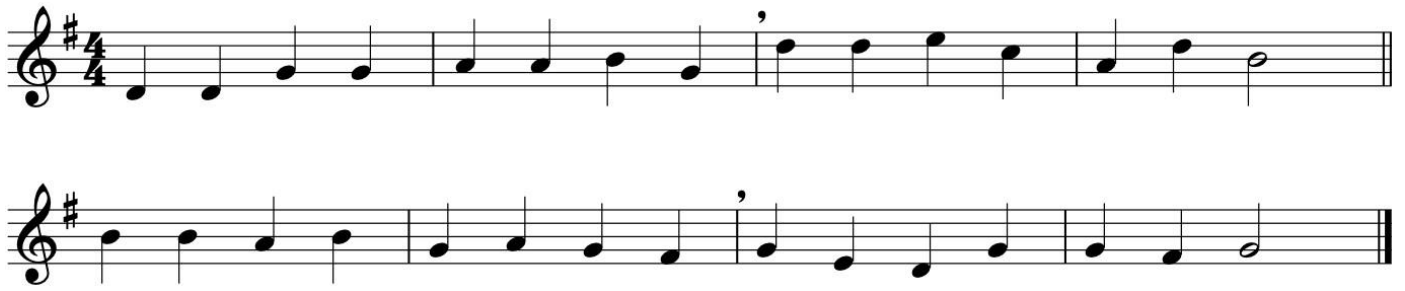
Organ Prelude: Prelude on an old Irish melody, Op. 101, No. 5 Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Please stand to sing **HYMN 194***:



**Earth has many a noble city:
Beth'lem, thou dost all excel;
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.**

**Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.**



**Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.**

**Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany,
Unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.**

*Words: Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (c.348-413) tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)
Tune: STUTTGART Adapted from a melody in C.F. Witt's Harmonia Sacra (Gotha, 1715)*

Please stand for the **OPENING RESPONSES:**

Priest: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Priest: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest: 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.

Priest: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Setting: Richard Ayleward (1626-69)

Please sit while the choir sings **PSALM 48:**

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised:

in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.

The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth:

upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King; God is well known in
her palaces as a sure refuge.

For lo, the kings of the earth:

are gathered, and gone by together.

They marvelled to see such things:

they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.

Fear came there upon them, and sorrow:
as upon a woman in her travail.
Thou shalt break the ships of the sea:
through the east-wind.
Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in
the city of our God:
God upholdeth the same for ever.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God:
in the midst of thy temple.
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end:
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
Let the mount Zion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad:
because of thy judgements.
Walk about Zion, and go round about her:
and tell the towers thereof.
Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses:
that ye may tell them that come after.
For this God is our God for ever and ever:
he shall be our guide unto death.

Please stand for the **GLORIA:**

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: Samuel Matthews (1796-1832)

Please sit for the **FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 60:1-9

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,

because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you,
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall be acceptable on my altar,
and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings 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 handmaiden.

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.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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: Evening Service in B flat, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Please sit for the **SECOND LESSON:** John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*Please remain seated as the choir sings 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.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

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: Evening Service in B flat, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*Standing, we face east to recite 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Please kneel or sit.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir:

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.

Priest: O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Priest: O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest: O Lord, save thy people.

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Priest: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Priest: O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

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.

Choir: Amen.

The choir sings the **ANTHEM:**

When Jesus our Lord was born in Bethlehem,
in the land of Judea, behold, from the east
to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:
'Say, where is he born the King of Judea?
For we have seen his star and are come to adore him.'

There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a sceptre
from Israel rise up, and dash in pieces Princes and Nations.

As bright the star of morning gleams,
so Jesus sheddeth glorious beams
of light and consolation.
Thy word, O Lord, radiance darting,
truth imparting give salvation,
thine be praise and adoration.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Setting: Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

Please kneel or sit for the **PRAYERS**, which conclude with **A PRAYER OF ST 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.

All respond: **Amen.**

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.**

Please stand to sing **HYMN 196***:

The musical notation for Hymn 196* is presented in four staves. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The first staff is marked 'v. 1 & 5' and contains the first five measures of the melody. The second staff continues the melody for the next five measures. The third staff is also marked 'v. 1 & 5' and contains the next five measures. The fourth staff concludes the melody with a final cadence over two measures.

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
and comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
for truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his Name!**

Words: John S.B. Monsell (1811-75)

Tune: WAS LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET Melody from the Rheinhardt MS (Üttingen, 1754)

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 Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

*Response: **Amen.***

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy depart

Organ Postlude: Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22), Op. 105, No. 2 *Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

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11.00am Choral Eucharist

Preacher: Gillian McGaughey, Diocesan Reader

3.30pm Choral Evensong:

Purcell A double verse

Smith Preces and Responses

Psalm 82 (chant by Seivewright)

Ayleward Short Service

Attwood O God, who by the leading of a star

Blow A voluntary for cornet and echo

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