



CHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Mattins to celebrate the beginning of the Legal Year

20th October 2024
11.30am

Address:
The High Sheriff of Cheshire,
Clare Hayward MBE DL

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We welcome you to Chester Cathedral!
It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

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Throughout the service, where indicated, please only stand if you feel able to do so.

Music

Preces and Responses Richard Ayleward

Psalm 141

Setting Te Deum in C
Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

Anthem Rise up, my love
Healey Willan 1880-1968

Voluntary

Finale (Symphonie IV) C M Widor 1844-1937

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THE CATHEDRAL PROCESSION

The Cathedral Choir

The High Sheriff's Chaplain

The Cathedral clergy

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the processional hymn during which the choir and clergy enter the Cathedral.

HYMN

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall

sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965

*BUNESSAN
Gaelic traditional melody*

THE PRECES

The Choir sing the following short intercessory prayers known as Preces

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O 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.

THE WELCOME

*Please sit as the congregation is welcomed by
The Dean, The Very Revd Dr Tim Stratford*

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

O come let us sing unto the Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our
salvation.

Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving : and show ourselves glad in
him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God :
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it :
and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down :
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God : and we are
the people of his pasture, and the sheep of
his hand.

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 PSALM

The Choir sings Psalm 141 (appointed for the day), which derives from the wisdom of the Jewish hymn book.

Lord, I call upon thee, haste thee unto me:
and consider my voice when I cry unto
thee.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as
the incense : and let the lifting up of my
hands be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth :
and keep the door of my lips.

O let not mine heart be inclined to any evil
thing : let me not be occupied in ungodly
works with the men that work wickedness,
lest I eat of such things as please them.

Let the righteous rather smite me friendly :
and reprove me.

But let not their precious balms break my
head: yea, I will pray yet against their
wickedness.

Let their judges be overthrown in stony
places: that they may hear my words, for
they are sweet.

Our bones lie scattered before the pit :
like as when one breaketh and heweth
wood upon the earth.

But mine eyes look unto thee, O Lord God
: in thee is my trust, O cast not out my
soul.

Keep me from the snare that they have laid
for me : and from the traps of the wicked
doers.

Let the ungodly fall into their own nets
together : and let me ever escape them.

Please stand.

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.

*All remain seated for the reading from the Old
Testament.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Read by HHJ Steven Everett, The Honorary Recorder of Chester

Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry, and bring the homeless poor into
your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,

and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your
rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer; you shall cry for help,
and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of
evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness

and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of
many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the
breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Isaiah 58:6-12

THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

*Please stand, if you are able, as the Choir sings
the canticle ('Te Deum laudamus' being the
opening words in the original Latin)*

We praise thee, O God :
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee :
the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud :
the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin :
continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty :
of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles :
praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets :
praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world :
doth acknowledge thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;

Thine honourable, true : and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son :
of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver
man : thou didst not abhor the Virgin's
womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness
of death : thou didst open the kingdom of
heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God :
in the glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come :
to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants :
whom thou hast redeemed with thy
precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints
: in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people :

and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name :
ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord :
to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us :
have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us :
as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted :
let me never be confounded.

Te Deum in C

C V Stanford 1852-1924

All sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

*Read by Patricia Peters JP, Chair of Cheshire
Bench of Magistrates*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, meekness, and
patience. Bear with one another and, if
anyone has a complaint against another,
forgive each other; just as the Lord has

forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:12-17

THE JUBILATE

Please stand, if you are able, as the Choir sings the canticle ('Jubilate' being the opening words in the original Latin)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands :
serve the Lord with gladness, and come
before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God :
it is he that hath made us, and not we
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with
thanksgiving, and into his courts with
praise : be thankful unto him, and speak
good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is
everlasting : and his truth endureth from
generation to generation.

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 LESSER LITANY

*The Choir sing the Responses, Lord's Prayer
and Collects*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

All sit or kneel.

Let us pray.

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.

○ Lord, shew 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.

THE COLLECTS FOR THE DAY, FOR PEACE, AND FOR GRACE

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come; arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:10b-13

Healey Willan 1880-1968

THE INTERCESSIONS

All remain seated as the intercessions are led by The Revd Nancy Goodrich, Chaplain to the High Sheriff and Vicar of Bollington

Let us pray for this United Kingdom, for its unity, peace, and concord; for Charles our King, and for all members of the Royal Family; for both Houses of Parliament, and all who bear responsibility in the ordering of our society; that justice, truth, and integrity may direct our common life, that

the needs of each are met and all may flourish together.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us remember both the victims of crime and its perpetrators. Let us pray for those held prisoner, whether convicted or on remand, and for communities where there is anxiety and the fear of crime; praying for all that encourages social cohesion, resilience, and the development of virtue.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all who administer justice in this realm; for all judges and the tribunals judiciary, magistrates, jurors, and ombudsmen; for clerks and court officials; for barristers, solicitors, chartered legal executives; and all whose profession or expertise is the law.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the police, the armed forces, the probation and the prison services, and those who maintain order in our land; that our nation may live in peace

and security. We pray too for all nations where today there is no peace, and for all who live under unjust and oppressive regimes.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all in need: for the poor and the hungry; the homeless and the refugee; the sick in body, mind and spirit; the dying and those who mourn. Comfort and relieve them in their distress and give them patience in their sufferings.

Lord, in thy mercy
hear our prayer.

Almighty God,
you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's name;
we pray that what we have asked faithfully
we may obtain effectually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN

Please stand, if you are able, to sing

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Whittier 1807-92

REPTON

C. Hubert H. Parry 1848-1918

Please be seated.

THE ADDRESS

*Clare Hayward, The High Sheriff of Cheshire,
MBE DL with young people from South
Cheshire ABC (Amateur Boxing Club)
and the Mini Police project*

HYMN

Please stand, if you are able, to sing

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my Shield and Portion be,
as long as life endures.

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

John Newton 1725-1807

*NEW BRITAIN
Anonymous*

THE BLESSING

All remain standing for the Blessing by The Dean.

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We sing together the National Anthem

**God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

Please remain standing as the processions depart during the organ voluntary.

Voluntary

Finale (Symphonie IV)

C M Widor 1844-1937

Recessional order

THE CATHEDRAL PROCESSION

The Cathedral Choir

The High Sheriff's Chaplain

The Cathedral Clergy

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