

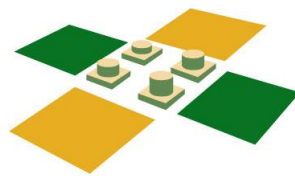
Cadeirlan Bangor Cathedral

Sunday, 12 February 2012

Choral Evensong

sung by the Schola of St Teilo

as in The Book of Common Prayer of Elizabeth I (1559)



THE
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OF WORSHIP
IN LATE MEDIEVAL
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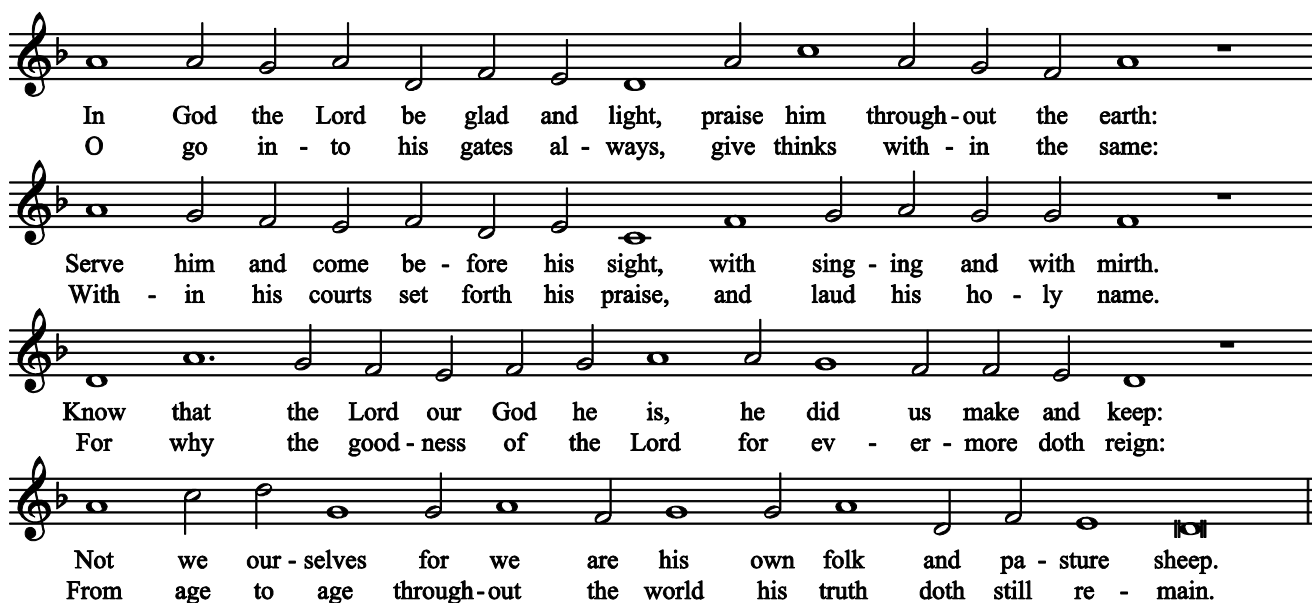
In addition to this service leaflet, you need

Polyphony booklet (Byrd, Preces and Psalms; Tallis Responses; Mundy, Ah helpless wretch)

Byrd Pricke Semibriefe Service (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis)

All enter informally and sit

Sing Psalm 100. The clerk sings each line, then all repeat



In God the Lord be glad and light, praise him through-out the earth:
O go in - to his gates al - ways, give thanks with - in the same:

Serve him and come be - fore his sight, with sing - ing and with mirth.
With - in his courts set forth his praise, and laud his ho - ly name.

Know that the Lord our God he is, he did us make and keep:
For why the good - ness of the Lord for ev - er - more doth reign:

Not we our - selves for we are his own folk and pa - sture sheep.
From age to age through-out the world his truth doth still re - main.

The ministers enter during the psalm, and themselves sit down.

The officiating priest stands. (Choir remains seated during sentence and invitation to confession.)

Priest reads sentence:

Amend your lives, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God: yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which be requisite and necessary as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as be here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me.

All kneel

Priest recites the confession, phrase by phrase, and all repeat.

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 be 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.

Priest says Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which 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 his holy Gospel. Wherefore we 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.**

Priest recites Lord's Prayer alone.

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.

Remain kneeling to sing the Preces (p. 1 of polyphony booklet [priest part, p. 6])

Stand to sing Psalms 114 and 55 (p. 2ff of polyphony booklet)

Sit for the first lesson (Genesis 6)

Stand for Magnificat (Byrd, Pricke Semibriefe)

Sit for the second lesson (Luke 17, 20-end)

Stand for Nunc dimittis (Byrd, Pricke Semibriefe)

Remain standing to recite the Creed, repeating each phrase after the priest.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord.
Which 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.

Kneel down for Responses after the Creed (Tallis – pp. 26 ff of polyphony booklet)

NB Lord's prayer comes after bottom of p. 26. Go straight in, reciting on F – no gap in first line!

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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.

Responses after the Creed *continue, ending with Collects*

Of the day

Lord God, which seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do: mercifully grant, that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

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.**

Stand to sing Anthem: Ah helpless wretch (Mundy – p. 29 of polyphony booklet)

Sit after anthem, while thanks are offered to the Cathedral

Remain seated for metrical version of Psalm 150 (Matthew Parker text, Tallis tune, 1567)

Sing v. 1 melody in unison only (as below). vv. 2 and 3 in harmony (as on next page)



1. O praise ye God of ex - cel - lence, In his res - pect of ho - li - ness: And
praise ye his mag - ni - fi - cence, In fir - ma - ment of sta - ble - ness. O
praise ye him as Sa - vi - our, For his sweet acts he - ro - i - cal, And
praise ye him as go - vern - or For his great power po - ten - ti - al.

Remain seated for the psalm prayer (written by Parker for use after this psalm).

Most laudable and merciful God,
being the sweet tenor of all our harmony,
which dost here exercise our hearts
otherwhiles with songs of tears and lamentations,
and otherwhiles of joy and gladness.
Grant we beseech thee
that after we have sung up our temporal songs
in praising thy name,
we may at last be associated to that heavenly quire above,
to behold thy glorious majesty with thy saints,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Organ fantasia, Orlando Gibbons (*Parthenia*, 1612)

2. O praise ye him for ma - je - sty, In trum - pets sound ef -
 3. O praise ye him all boun - ti - ful, In cym - bals' sound out

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2. fec - ti - vus: And praise ye his au - tho - ri - ty, In lute and harp me -
 3. loud in state: And praise ye him, so pi - ti - ful: In cym - bals' sound more

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2. lo - di - ous. O praise ye him all sa - pi - ent, In tim - brel sweet with
 3. mi - ti - gate. Let all with breath or life en - dued, Or what with sound is

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2. dance in choir: And praise ye him so
 3. for - ti - fied: Praise out the Lord in

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2. pro - vi - dent In fid - dle strong, in re - cor - dere.
 3. state re - newed, For grace and power to all ap - plied.