



ELY CATHEDRAL

Festal Evensong and  
Procession for the  
Feast of St Etheldreda

*Queen, Foundress and  
First Abbess of Ely*

with Admission to the Foundation of  
Emelia King as Chorister

Sunday 26 June 2022

4pm

Welcome to this Festal Evensong which marks the Feast of St Etheldreda, our Foundress. During this evening's service, we will continue the medieval tradition of regular, even weekly, processions around the Cathedral's precincts with 'stations' for particular sung prayers.

Processions continued after the Reformation and incense was already being used again by the eighteenth century. Tonight we will process to the South Door after the intercessions, and into the Bishop's Garden as we mark the footprint of the monastic cloister, where the first anthem will be sung. The whole procession will then move back into the Cathedral through Prior's Door to the Cross of St Ovin, Steward to St Etheldreda, and finally to the site of St Etheldreda's Shrine.

## HYMN

*When the bell rings, please stand*



In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
For the saints who before us have found their reward;  
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.

In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
He called them away from our worship below;  
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,  
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,  
And still they were seeking the city of God.

Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found him,  
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:  
They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,  
Where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.

## WELCOME

ADMISSION OF CHORISTER *Please sit*

*The chorister to be admitted is verged forwards*

Director Mr Dean, I present to you Emelia King to be admitted to our  
of the Girl Foundation as Chorister.  
Choristers

She promises obedience to the Constitution and Statutes of the Cathedral Church of Ely and to the Dean as Head thereof and also the Chapter in all things lawful and honest concerning the said Constitution and Statutes and all by-laws and orders thereunder lawfully made and she acknowledges the Bishop of Ely as Visitor of the said Cathedral Church and she submits to the visitatorial jurisdiction conferred upon him whether by the said Constitution and Statutes or otherwise by law in so far as they shall be concerned in or about the affairs of the said Cathedral Church; and, in so far as in her lies, she will endeavour herself to promote the peace and well-being of the said Cathedral Church, the Lord being her helper.

The Dean Are you willing to serve this Foundation, to observe its Statutes in so far as they pertain to you, and so to give your affirmation thereto?

Chorister I am willing.

The Dean Almighty and Everlasting God,  
pour your grace into the heart of this Chorister  
now to be admitted,  
and grant her courage and strength  
to fulfil the vow and promise that she has now made,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The Director of the Girl Choristers fastens Emelia's medallion.*

The Dean Emelia, I admit you to be Chorister of this Cathedral Church. We welcome you as a member of our Foundation.

*The chorister turns to face the congregation, which the Dean invites to offer their congratulations as the chorister returns to her stall*

*Please stand*

Precentor The Lord is my inheritance and my cup:  
he alone will give me my reward.

Psalm 16:5

Precentor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Precentor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor 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.

Precentor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: Bernard Rose 1916-1996

**PSALMS 4, 121, 124** *Please sit*

**PSALM 4**

- 1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness :  
thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour :  
and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?
- 3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is  
godly : when I call upon the Lord he will hear me.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not :  
commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness : and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There be many that say : Who will show us any good?
- 7 Lord, lift thou up : the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart :  
since the time that their corn and wine and oil increased.
- 9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest :  
for it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

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.

## **PSALM 121**

- 1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in :  
from this time forth for evermore.

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.

## **PSALM 124**

- 1 If the Lord himself had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the  
Lord himself had not been on our side, when men rose up against us;
- 2 They had swallowed us up quick :  
when they were so wrathfully displeased at us.
- 3 Yea, the waters had drowned us : and the stream had gone over our soul.
- 4 The deep waters of the proud : had gone even over our soul.
- 5 But praised be the Lord :  
who hath not given us over for a prey unto their teeth.
- 6 Our soul is escaped even as a bird out of the snare of the fowler :  
the snare is broken, and we are delivered.
- 7 Our help standeth in the Name of the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.

*Please stand for the final 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.

**FIRST LESSON** *Please sit*  
Isaiah 61.10-62.3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Here endeth the Lesson.

**MAGNIFICAT** *Please stand*

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 showed 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.

Words: Luke 1.46-55  
Music: Service in A flat - Basil Harwood 1859-1949 *Organist of Ely Cathedral 1887-1892*

**SECOND LESSON** *Please sit*  
Revelation 21.1-7

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Here endeth the Lesson.

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Please stand*

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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32  
Music: Service in A flat - Basil Harwood 1859-1949 *Organist of Ely Cathedral 1887-1892*

**APOSTLES' CREED** *Please remain standing*

Precentor 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.**

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

*Please sit or kneel*

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*The choir sings the Lord's Prayer*

Precentor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Precentor Almighty God, by whose grace thy servant Etheldreda didst lay aside a temporal crown, and sought the rather to obtain an eternal: Make us, we pray thee, to learn such wisdom by her example, that despising the things which perish, we may strive to attain the things which shall abide, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen

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.

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.

Music: Bernard Rose 1916-1996



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers conclude with The Grace:*

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand. During the Processional Hymn the congregation follows Choir and Clergy to the former cloister, the Cross of St Ovin, and to the site of St Etheldreda's Shrine.*

Precentor Let us proceed in peace.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**



For all the Saints who from their labours rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confest.  
Thy name O Jesu, be for ever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*In the former cloister*

**ANTHEM**

Locus iste a Deo factus est:  
inaestimabile sacramentum irreprehensibilis est.  
*This dwelling is God's handiwork;  
a mystery beyond all price that cannot be spoken against.*

Words: Anonymous - Gradual for the feast of the dedication of a church  
Music: Anton Bruckner 1824-1896

*The procession moves through Prior's Door*

*At the site of St Ovin's Cross*

Precentor Behold, a faithful and wise steward  
**All whom the Lord shall make ruler over his household.**

Precentor Let us pray:

Almighty God, by whose grace thy servant Ovin continued faithful unto the end following the steps of our master Christ, as well in poverty as in humbleness of heart: grant unto all them that have entered on the path of thy commandments, that they neither look backward, nor stand still in the way, but pressing toward thee without faltering, may lay sure hold upon the life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Precentor Let us proceed in peace.  
**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The procession moves to the Presbytery. The choir and congregation move to their seats. The Chapter move to the north and south of the Shrine.*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
The King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words: W. Walsham How 1823-1897  
Music: *Sine Nomine* NEH 197 R. Vaughan Williams 1872-1958

*At the site of St Etheldreda's Shrine*

Precentor God is in the midst of her.

**All            Therefore shall she not be removed.**

Precentor Let us pray:

Lighten, we beseech thee,  
O merciful God, the hearts of thy faithful people;  
and by the example of thy servant Etheldreda,  
teach us to seek the things which are above;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **ANTHEM**

And when the builders laid the foundations of the temple of the Lord,  
they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets,  
and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals,  
to praise the Lord, after the ordinance of David, king of Israel.  
And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east:  
and his voice was like the sound of many waters:  
and the earth shin'd with his glory.  
And behold, the glory of the Lord fill'd the house.  
And I heard him speaking to me out of the house.

Thus saith the Lord of hosts;  
Yet once, a little while, and I will shake the heav'ns,  
and the earth, and the sea and the dry land:  
And the desire of all nations shall come:  
and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts.  
The silver is mine, and the gold is mine.  
And when the builders laid the foundations of the temple of the Lord,  
They sang together in praising the Lord.  
And all the people shouted with a great shout,  
because the foundations of the temple were laid.

Words: selected from Ezra, Ezekiel and Haggai by The Very Revd Michael Sadgrove b.1950  
Music: Richard Shephard 1949-2021

**BLESSING** *Please stand and face east*

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts  
of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in  
their joy. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to walk in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**ORGAN** Toccata from 'Plymouth Suite' - Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

*A retiring collection will be received*