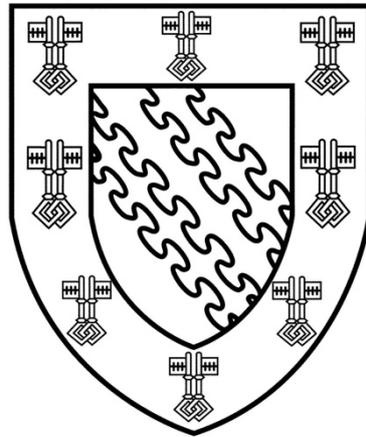


# EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL



CHORAL EVENSONG

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St Hugh of Lincoln



WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE BROADCAST FROM  
EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL

*This service of Choral Evensong is a product of the Reformation, whereby sections from the monastic offices of Vespers and Compline were combined to produce one of the gems of Anglican liturgy. Evensong is, at its core, a service of the Word of God: the readings, canticles responses, and some of the prayers are taken from Holy Scripture. This is enhanced by choral settings of some parts of the service, adding to the mystery and bringing alive these ancient texts.*

*Daily prayer has been offered in the College Chapel since its foundation by Walter de Stapledon in 1314. The prayers of today join with those of our predecessors, as we continue to pray for the life of the College, our Livings, the University, and World.*

*Choral Evensong is a profoundly beautiful service, although if this is your first experience of it you may find some of it puzzling. To help with this, on the left hand pages of this booklet is a brief guide and commentary, explaining the service.*



*The service starts with a sentence of scripture. On feast days a hymn may be sung. This is followed by the Preces. The Preces are short prayers of praise, glorifying God, who, as the Gloria [Glory be to the Father &c] states is Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*The Psalm, Lessons, and Canticles*

*After an initial act of praise the service chances to focus on the Word of God. One or several psalms are sung by the choir; there are two readings, one from the Hebrew Bible and one from the New Testament. These are interspersed with the canticles, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Both are taken from Luke's Gospel, and are Mary and Simeon's response to the revelation of God and his love for them and the world. At Choral Evensong the choir sings the psalm and canticles on behalf of the congregation. You may like to use this as an opportunity to enjoy being enveloped in music, to pray the words they sing, or simply to listen.*

## THE ORDER FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

### HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
raise the glad strain, Alleluya!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: *Alleluya!*

O higher than the cherubim,  
more glorious than the seraphim,  
lead their praises, Alleluya!  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,  
most gracious, magnify the Lord: *Alleluya!*

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song: *Alleluya!*

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One: *Alleluya!*

*Words: A. Riley*

*Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, R. Vaughan Williams*

*The Service is introduced*

## THE PRECES

*William Smith*

Minister O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
Minister O God, make speed to save us.  
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Minister 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. Praise ye the Lord.

## PSALM 89

My song shall be alway of the loving kindness of the Lord with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever and set up thy throne from one generation to another. O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works and thy truth in the congregation of the saints. For who is he among the clouds that shall be compared unto the Lord? And what is he among the gods that shall be like unto the Lord? God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him. O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side. Thou rulest the raging of the sea thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise. Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is. Thou hast made the north and the south Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name. Thou hast a mighty arm strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee they shall walk in the light of thy countenance. Their delight shall be daily in thy Name and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast. For thou art the glory of their strength and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns. For the Lord is our defence the Holy One of Israel is our King. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of

the people. I have found David my servant with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea and his right hand in the floods. He shall call me, Thou art my Father my God, and my strong salvation. And I will make him my first-born higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever and his throne as the days of heaven. But if his children forsake my law and walk not in my judgements; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges. Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him nor suffer my truth to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David. His seed shall endure for ever and his seat is like as the sun before me. He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon and as the faithful witness in heaven. But thou hast abhorred and forsaken thine Anointed and art displeased at him. Thou hast broken the covenant of thy servant and cast his crown to the ground. Thou hast overthrown all his hedges and broken down his strong holds. All they that go by spoil him and he is become a reproach to his neighbours. Thou hast set up the right hand of his enemies and made all his adversaries to rejoice. Thou hast taken away the edge of his sword and givest him not victory in the battle. Thou hast put out his glory and cast his throne down to the ground. The days of his youth hast thou shortened and covered him with dishonour. Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever and shall thy wrath burn like fire? O remember how short my time is wherefore hast thou made all men for nought? What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell? Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses which thou swarest unto David in thy truth? Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people; Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee, and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed. Praised be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

*Music: Fanny Crosby, William Crotch, Richard Farrant*

## THE FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 1. 1 – 10*

The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: to whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

## MAGNIFICAT

*Evening Service in C  
Charles Villiers Stanford*

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 we promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.  
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.

*Luke 1. 46 – 55*

## THE SECOND LESSON

*John 10. 11 – 18*

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

## *The Apostles' Creed*

*After the Nunc Dimittis we turn to face the Altar to recite the Apostles' Creed.*

*Traditionally all turn to face the altar, liturgical east, to remind us that Christianity is a faith illumined by the light of the resurrection dawn. The Apostles' Creed was developed by the early Church as a teaching tool for those preparing for baptism, and thus admission to the church. Today the Creed serves as a summary of Christian belief.*

## *The Lesser Litany and Responses*

*Like the preces, the lesser litany and responses are short petitions to God; some are taken from scripture, others from ancient texts of the church. The Lord's Prayer, common to all Christians, reminds us that we are not just praying in Exeter Chapel but form a worldwide fellowship. The responses are 'soundbite prayers': they reflect some of the general needs of society as well as our relationship with God. Situated after the bible readings they illustrate how prayer and praise are our responses to God's love.*

## *The Collects*

*This section of prayer concludes with the collects. These are longer prayers than the responses, and many were translated or composed by Thomas Cranmer when the first prayer book was compiled in 1549. At Evensong the first collect is associated with the specific date or festival, the last two collects do not change.*

## *The Anthem*

*The Prayer Book introduces the anthem; 'in quires and places where they sing, here followeth the anthem', and as such the anthem of today finds its roots Anglican worship. The words are often taken from scripture, but poetry, prose, and a combination of all three are common.*

## *The Prayers and Dismissal*

*More informal prayers follow, when we pray specifically for the College, the World, those in need and ourselves. Through prayer we ask for grace to continue the work of sharing God's love in our own day, in our relationships, and in all our endeavours. A hymn and dismissal conclude the service. The dismissal sentences are taken from Psalm 121, and are unique to Exeter College Chapel.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Evening Service in C  
Charles Villiers Stanford*

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.

*Luke 2. 29 – 32*

## 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 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 Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of Sins  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE LESSER LITANY

*William Smith*

Minister The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Minister Let us pray.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.**

Minister O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Minister O Lord, save the Queen.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Minister O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Holy God, who endowed thy servant Hugh of Lincoln with wise and cheerful boldness, and taught him to commend the discipline of holy life to kings and princes: Grant that we also, rejoicing in the Good News of thy mercy, and fearing nothing but the loss of thee, may be bold to speak the truth in love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Choir: Amen.

## THE SECOND COLLECT, AT EVENING PRAYER

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.

## THE THIRD 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 ANTHEM

Oculi omnium in te sperant Domine:  
et tu das illis escam in tempore opportuno.  
Gloria tibi Domine. Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord:  
and thou givest them their meat in due season.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord. Amen.*

*Words: Psalm 145. 15*

*Music: Charles Wood*

## THE PRAYERS

Ending with:

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

## HYMN

Lord, teach us how to pray aright  
with reverence and with fear.  
though dust and ashes in thy sight,  
we may, we must draw near.

We perish if we cease from prayer;  
O, grant us power to pray.  
and when to meet thee we prepare,  
Lord, meet us on our way.

God of all grace, we come to thee  
with broken, contrite hearts;  
give what thine eye delights to see,  
truth in the inwards parts.

Faith in the only sacrifice  
that can for sin atone;  
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes  
on Christ, on Christ alone.

Patience to watch, and wait, and weep,  
though mercy long delay;  
courage our fainting souls to keep,  
and trust thee, though thou slay.

Give these, and then thy will be done;  
thus strengthened with all might,  
we, through thy Spirit and thy Son,  
shall pray, and pray aright.

*Words: J. Montgomery*

*Music: St Hugh of Lincoln, E. Hopkins*

## THE DISMISSAL

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in:  
**From this time forth, for ever more. Amen.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in d *Clara Schumann*