Exeter College Chapel

Organ Vespers

10 May 2020
The Organ is played by the Junior Organ Scholar, Christopher Holman. Theodore Hill plays the Organ for the Easter Anthems, which was recorded during a Service in Trinity Term 2019. The anthem is conducted by Bartoz Theide, and is taken from the CD Mater Mundi. Psalm 23 is read by Marguerite Dupree and the lesson from John’s gospel by Evie Thornton, the daughter of our Welfare Officer and Nurse. The Magnificat is intoned by Lottie Mitchell and Chris Scholtens, in insolation, especially for this service.

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Plainsong

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.

Voluntary: Praeludium in d BuxWV140

THE PSALMODY

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord 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.

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast.
Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin: but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

THE LESSON

John 10. 1 – 4

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

MAGNIFICAT

on the First Tone, H. Praetorius

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 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.
THE ADDRESS

Voluntary: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein, BWV 641

all kneel or sit

THE PRAYERS

concluding with:

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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE ANTHEM

Stars, you are the heavens' flock
Tangling your pale wool across the night sky.
Stars, you're bits of oily fleece catching
On barbs of darkness to swirl in black wind.
You appear, disappear by thousands,
Scattered wide to graze but never straying.
While I, a mere shepherd of these words, am lost.
What can I do but build a small blaze
And feed it with branches the trees let fall:
That twiggy clatter strewn along the ground.
And lichen crusting such dead limbs glows silver, glows white.
The earthfood for a fire so unlike and like your own.
Oh, what can I do but build a small blaze.

Words: Paulann Peterson
Music: E. Esenvalds
THE DISMISSAL

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight: and the blessing of the God of love; Father, Son, and Holy Ghost be with you now and always. Amen.

The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in. Alleluia! Alleluia! From this time forth for evermore. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Voluntary: Benedicamus Domino Scheidt