Exeter College Chapel

Service Commemorating 75 Years of Peace in Europe

8 May 2020
WELCOME TO EXETER COLLEGE CHAPEL

Although we are unable to gather in the Chapel to worship, to pray, to listen, and to think, this service is offered as an audiophile alternative. Please note that the quality of the sound may vary as different parts have been recorded in different locations, and on different instruments.

The Service is conducted by the Chaplain. The Organ, in the various recordings, is played by the Junior Organ Scholar, Christopher Holman. He has also edited the anthem ‘Verleih uns Frieden’ and the hymn ‘Now thank we all our God’. The Introit, ‘My soul there is a country’ is conducted by George de Voil, and is from the CD Stanford Mass in G, as is the recording of the hymn ‘Dear Lord and Father of mankind’. Tim Muggeridge plays the organ for that hymn. ‘Behold the Tabernacle of the Lord’ is conducted by Alistair Reid, and accompanied by Joshua Hales. It is taken from the CD One thing have I desired. The Organ Voluntary is played by Richard Hill, and is from the CD Vierne, Fauré, & Saint-Saëns: Sacred Music.

The readers are Lesley O’Donovan, the Catering Manager and Francesco Galvanetto, a third year Mathematician. The Intercessions are led by Imogen Choi, Fellow in Spanish.
THE INTROIT

My soul, there is a country
far beyond the stars,
where stands a winged sentry,
all skilful in the wars:

there, above noise and danger,
sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles
and, One, born in a manger
commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious friend,
and O my soul awake!
did in pure love descend
To die here for thy sake?

If thou canst get but thither,
there grows the flow'r of Peace,
the Rose that cannot wither,
thy fortress and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges,
for none can thee secure
but One who never changes
thy God, thy life, thy cure!

Words: H. Vaughan
Music: C.H.H.Parry, Exeter College 1863

¶ The congregation are welcomed and the service introduced. The Choir sings

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you.
For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
For the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple
with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

Words: Revelation 21, and Sarum Rite
Music: W. Harris
In days to come
the mountain of the Lord’s house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised up above the hills.
Peoples shall stream to it,
and many nations shall come and say:
‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.’
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between many peoples,
and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more;
but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees,
and no one shall make them afraid;
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

¶ All sing the hymn

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,  
the 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.

Words: J. Whittier  
Music: Repton, C.H.H.Parry

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21. 1 – 4

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

THE SERMON
THE ANTHEM

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott! zu unsern Zeiten
Es ist doch ja kein ander nicht,
Der für uns könnte streiten,
Denn du unser Gott alleine.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
because there is none other
that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Words: from the Liturgy, translated Martin Luther
Music: F. Mendelssohn
Recorded remotely for this Service

THE PRAYERS

And at the end:
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.

¶ All sing the hymn

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son him who reigns, with them in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

This hymn was written by Martin Rinkart during the Thirty Years War, and was sung as a petition for God’s blessing.

Words: M. Rinkart, trans. C. Winkworth
Music: J. Crüger
Recorded for this Service

THE BLESSING

The peace of God that passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of the God of love, who is Father, Son, and Holy Ghost rest abide, and remain with you now and for evermore.

Amen.

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon Vierne

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