



Choral Evensong

with the Licensing of
The Reverend Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle,
Director of the Kew Institute for
Theology and Gardening
as Associate Priest of St Anne's, Kew

Sunday 11th February 2024

6.30 pm

Welcome to St. Anne's Church and to this special service of Choral Evensong marking the beginning of the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening. The collection from today's service is for the Institute, and your generosity in these pioneering days would be especially welcome. The collection takes place during the final hymn, and there is also an opportunity to make your donation by card at the reception after the service, to which all are welcome, or as you leave the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity in supporting this new venture.

The Choir is conducted by Laurence Williams and the organist is Jeremy Cole.

The Church has a loop system.

Hearing aids may be switched to the position T.



Please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off.

The Reverend Canon Dr Giles Fraser, *Vicar*

At 6.30pm, all stand to sing the following hymn

**All creatures of our God and king,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for my Lord to hear;
Alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That giveth man both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father and the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:**

*Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

The Vicar welcomes the congregation.

PRECES sung to the setting by William Smith (c. 1603-1645)

O Lord, open thou our lips
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

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.

PSALMODY

Please sit as the choir sings Psalm 150

O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

All stand

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.

All sit

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Read by Richard Barley MBE, Director of Gardens, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there, water was flowing from below the threshold of the temple towards the east (for the temple faced east); and the water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and the water was coming out on the south side.

Going on eastwards with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits, and then led me through the water; and it was ankle-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was knee-deep. Again he measured one thousand, and led me through the water; and it was up to the waist. Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, 'Mortal, have you seen this?'

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on one side and on the other. He said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah; and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish, once these waters reach there. It will become fresh; and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

Thanks be to God.

THE PRESENTATION

Chris Stephens, Trustee of the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening, presents the new Director saying

Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you the Reverend Canon Nicholas Lawrence Jepson-Biddle, Director of the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening, to be licensed as Associate Priest in the parish of St Anne's, Kew.

The Bishop replies

Thank you for your presentation. I am ready to administer the Declaration and Oaths.

THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT AND OATHS

The Bishop administers the Declaration of Assent, the Oath of Allegiance and the Oath of Canonical Obedience.

THE REAFFIRMATION OF ORDINATION VOWS

The Bishop says

Nicholas, before you receive this share in our pastoral charge, will you, before God and this congregation, renew your dedication to Christ as a Priest of the new covenant?

Nicholas replies

I will.

The Bishop continues

At your ordination you accepted the responsibility of the Priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to him by being diligent in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures? Will you continually stir up the gift of God that is within you to make Christ known to all?

Nicholas replies

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishop says

Are you resolved to be a faithful minister of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the Eucharist and other liturgical services with sincere devotion? Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

Nicholas replies

With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop continues

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, and especially among those whom you serve? Will you do all that is within your power to build up the Church which is the Body of Christ?

Nicholas replies

With the help of God, I will.

THE COMMISSION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

All stand. The Bishop asks the congregation the following

My brothers and sisters, we who are baptised are called to worship and serve the living God. As this new chapter begins, let us recommit ourselves in the service of God and neighbour that the good news of his salvation may be known in our lives, our homes and our community. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?

All reply

With the help of God, we will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, we will.

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

THE LICENSING

All sit. Nicholas kneels before the Bishop. The Bishop reads the Deed of Licence, and hands it to Nicholas, saying

Receive this licence, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop blesses Nicholas

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal 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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

MAGNIFICAT ANIMA MEA

All stand as the choir sings the Song of Mary.

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 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: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), from the Evening Service in C

All sit

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Read by Caroline Streatfeild, Trustee, the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening

A reading from the letter to the Romans

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

All stand as the choir sings the Song of Simeon

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: Charles Villiers Stanford, from the Evening Service in C

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All face the altar and say the Creed together

**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 catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

RESPONSES to the setting by William Smith

The Lord be with you
and with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

All sit or kneel

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

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King
and mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness
and make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people
and bless thine inheritance.

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

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings
without charity are noting worth:
Send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of charity,
the very bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee:
Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

The Collect 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.

The 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.
Amen.

All sit

THE ANTHEM

The choir sings

My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the
turtle is heard in our land;
The fig tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*Words: Song of Solomon 2.10-13
Music: Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)*

THE PRAYERS

led by the Reverend Erica Wooff, Vicar of Stockwell, Trustee of the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening.

The prayers end with all joining in saying

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

All stand to sing

**How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?**

**Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But thy behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.**

**Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.**

**How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.**

*Words: John Mason (c.1645-94)
Tune: COE FEN*

After the introductory sentence, all sit for

THE SERMON The Right Reverend Dr Martin Gainsborough
Bishop of Kingston

The Offertory hymn is sung, during which the collection is taken for the work of the Kew Institute.

All stand to sing

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Hear I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them.
Whom shall I send?**

*Words: Dan Schutte (b.1947), based on Isaiah 6
Tune: HERE I AM LORD*

All remain standing for

THE BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Quire.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Final, Symphonie No. I
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**All are warmly invited for refreshments in the
Parish Hall, left at the front of the Church.**