

**A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG  
from the Book of Common Prayer**

Sunday 7 May 2023 at 5.30pm in  
St Mary the Virgin, Longcot



**TO MARK THE CORONATION OF HIS  
MAJESTY KING CHARLES III  
AND  
THE LONGCOT FLOWER FESTIVAL**

*Introit: Jubilate Deo (O be joyful in the Lord) by Mozart*

*Opening Hymn: All my hope on God is founded (19)*

IF we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 St. John 1.8-9*

DEARLY beloved [bretheren], the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*A Priest, if present, will pronounce an Absolution, or a lay minister may say:*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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 choir will sing*

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

*We 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.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*The choir will sing* **Psalm 147, verses 1-12**

1. O PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God: yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: and gather together the outcasts of Israel.
3. He healeth those that are broken in heart: and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4. He telleth the number of the stars: and calleth them all by their names.
5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power: yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
6. The Lord setteth up the meek: and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
7. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth: and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;
9. Who giveth fodder unto the cattle: and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse: neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

11. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.

*We 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.

*We sit for the* **First Reading: Isaiah 65:17- 25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the

serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*The choir will sing the **Magnificat***

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

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.

*We 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.

*We sit for the* **Second Reading:** Ephesians 3: 14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The choir will sing the* **Nunc Dimittis**

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.

*We 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.

*We stand for 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 Catholic Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*The choir will sing*

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.



*We kneel or sit*

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 Queen.

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 choir will sing the Collects:*

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our  
Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority  
under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and

equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name, and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

*Hymn: Be thou my vision (66)*

*We kneel or sit for the* **Prayers of Intercession**

*The response to* Lord, in thy mercy is **Hear our prayer**

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

*We say the Grace together:*

**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.**

**The Anthem, *Locus Iste* by *Bruckner*,<sup>1</sup> is sung by the choir**

Locus iste	<i>Holy Temple of God the Father</i>
a Deo factus est,	
inaestimabile	<i>a holy place and set apart by God</i>
sacramentum;	
irreprehensibilis est.	<i>Righteousness within its gates</i>

*We stand for* **The Gospel:** Luke 10: 25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other

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<sup>1</sup> *Literal translation: This place was made by God, an inestimably holy place. It is without blame.*

side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

### *Sermon*

#### *Hymn: I vow to thee, my country*

I vow to thee, my country  
All earthly things above  
Entire and whole and perfect  
The service of my love  
The love that asks no questions  
The love that stands the test  
That lays upon the altar  
The dearest and the best  
The love that never falters  
The love that pays the price  
The love that makes undaunted  
The final sacrifice

And there's another country  
I've heard of long ago  
Most dear to them that love her  
Most great to them that know  
We may (we may not count her armies)  
We may (we may not see her King)  
Her fortress is a faithful heart  
Her pride is suffering  
And soul by soul and silently  
Her shining bounds increase  
And her ways are ways of gentleness  
And all her paths are peace

### *The Blessing*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

### *The National Anthem is sung*

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.

## **The Flower Festival will continue until Sunday 14 May**

Please join us for

### **Art and Poetry for Performance**

**Wednesday 10 May 10.15 – 11.00**

**Friday 12 May 4pm – 4.45pm** (aimed at those with school age children)

A lively and fun presentation in which local poet and author Diana Moore shares ways of seeing art on a range of subjects (from pets to museum pieces) and how to write and present to an audience. Includes creating a song lyric from a poem.

Free entry but space is limited so please contact Diana to book [diana@diana-moore.com](mailto:diana@diana-moore.com)

### **Music fit for a King**

**Saturday 13 May, 6.30pm (bar open from 6pm)**

A concert by the Clarinet Collective featuring music with a royal connection including works by Mozart, Bach and Benny Goodman, and will open in festive mood with the overture from Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks.

Admission free with donations but will need to be reserved in advance by emailing [victorialmedcalf@gmail.com](mailto:victorialmedcalf@gmail.com)

*Please join us after the service for refreshments*