GONVILLE & CAIUS COLLEGE CHAPEL

Easter Term 2021

CHORAL VESPERS

Vespers is the sixth of the seven prayer services of the Christian day. Its name comes from the Latin *vespera*, which means ‘evening.’ When Thomas Cranmer created the English Prayer Book in 1549 and 1552 he combined Vespers with the night service (compline) into the service we know as Evensong. Magnificat is the Gospel Canticle of Vespers, as Nunc Dimittis is the Gospel Canticle of Compline. The service ends with a traditional antiphon (a special seasonal text, from which comes our modern word ‘anthem’) in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

2nd May

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*
**LUCERNARIUM (The Lighting of the Lamps)**

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet
and a light unto my paths.

Thou also shalt light my candle
the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you
and with thy spirit

**Light Prayer**
Blessed art thou, Sovereign Lord,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to thee be glory and praise for ever.
Thou hast called us out of darkness
into thy marvellous light
that our lives may reflect thy glory
and our lips repeat thy song:
**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit**

**HYMN**

*LUCIS Creator optime*

O BLEST Creator of the light,
Who mak'st the day with radiance bright,
and o'er the forming world didst call
the light from chaos first of all;

Qui mane iunctum vesperi
Whose wisdom joined in meet array

diem vocari praecipis:
the morn and eve, and named them Day:

taetrum chaos illabitur,
night comes with all its darkling fears;

audi preces cum fletibus.
regard Thy people's prayers and tears.

Praesta, Pater piissime,
O Father, that we ask be done,
Patrique compar Unice,
through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
cum Spiritu Paracilio
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee
regnans per omne saeculum. Amen.
doeth live and reign eternally. Amen.
VESPERs

℣ 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. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 110

1 The Lord said unto my Lord
   Sit thou on my right hand,
   until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion
   be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.

3 In the day of thy power shall the people
   offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship
   the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.

4 The Lord sware, and will not repent
   Thou art a Priest for ever after the order of Melchisedech.

5 The Lord upon thy right hand
   shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the heathen;
   he shall fill the places with the dead bodies
   and smite in sunder the heads over divers countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way
   therefore shall he lift up his head.

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.
Apocalypse Canticle

Alleluia. Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God.
Alleluia. For true and righteous are his judgements. Alleluia.
Praise our God, all ye his servants. Alleluia.
And ye that fear him, both small and great. Alleluia.
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Alleluia.
Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him. Alleluia.
For the marriage of the Lamb is come. Alleluia.
And his wife hath made herself ready. Alleluia.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son. Alleluia.
And to the Holy Ghost. Alleluia.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Alleluia.

LITTLE CHAPTER 1 Corinthians 15

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed... When...this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

REFLECTION

HYMN Ad regias Agni dapes

Ad regias Agni dapes,  
Stolis amicti candidis,  
Post transitum maris rubri,  
Christo canamus Principi:  
Iam Pascha nostrum Christus est,  
Paschalis idem victima,  
Et pura puris mentibus  
Sinceritatis azyma.  
Ut sis perenne mentibus  
Paschale lesu gaudium,  
A morte dira criminum  
Vitae renatos libera.

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his piercèd side.

Christ, the Lamb, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.

Paschal triumph, paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From the death of sin set free,  
Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
Deo Patri sit Gloria,
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Et Filio, qui a mortuis
Father, unto thee we raise;
Surrexit, ac Paraclito,
Risen Lord, all praise to thee,
In sempiterna saecula. Amen
Ever with the Spirit be. Amen

℣ This is the day which the Lord hath made, alleluia
℟ We will rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia

MAGNIFICAT   Collegium Regale   Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Antiphon
Vado ad eum qui misit me: sed quia haec locutus sum vobis, tristitia implevit cor vestrum
I go to him who sent me: but because I have said this to you, sorrow has filled your hearts

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 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.

PRAYERS These end with the following

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.

The Collect for the day and/or this following

O Lord, who by triumphing over the powers of darkness
didst prepare our place in the new Jerusalem:
Grant us, who have this day given thanks for thy resurrection,

whereof thou art the light;
where with the Father and the Holy Ghost,
thou livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.
MOTET  Haec Dies  John Sheppard (1515-58)

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus, exultemus et laetemur in ea. Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONCLUSION

Dominus vobiscum  The Lord be with you
Et cum spiritu tuo  And with thy spirit

Benedicamus Domino  Let us bless the Lord
Deo gratias  Thanks be to God.

Defunctorum animae per misericordiam Dei requiescant in pace.
May the souls of the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

REGINA CAELI  Cristóbal de Morales (1500-53)

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia:
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
Queen of heaven, rejoice,
For the one you were worthy to bear
Has risen, as he promised:
Pray for us to God.

Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.
Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary
For the Lord has risen indeed.

DR CAIUS’S PRAYER for daily use in the College

Deus pacis et dilectionis maneat semper nobiscum.
The God of peace and love remain with us always.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ad cenam Agni providi  Jean Titelouze (1563-1633)