



The Chapel of St Peter and St Paul at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich

Choral Eucharist for Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday, 24 September 2023 at 11.00am

Welcome to the Chapel of St Peter and St Paul for our worship this morning. If you have any questions or require help, please do not hesitate to ask the welcomers.

We welcome in particular the Rt Revd Michael Doe as our guest preacher today.

The setting of today's mass is the Mass in G minor by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958).

A collection will be taken during the service. To make a contactless donation please see a member of the congregation holding a reader as you leave the Chapel. Standing Order forms and forms to register for Gift Aid tax relief are available at the back of the Chapel. We are very grateful for all donations which support the ministry and mission of this community.

If children need a break during the service, families should feel welcome to go outside and then re-enter. Families are also welcome to use the Queen Mary Undercroft as a self-service crèche facility. It is not staffed, but toys and books are provided.



An induction loop system for the hearing impaired is installed in the Chapel. Hearing aid users should adjust their aids to T.

Introit

God, who made the earth and sky and the changing sea,
clothed his glory in our flesh: Man, with men, to be.
Mary, Virgin filled with light, chosen from our race,
bore the Father's only Son by the Spirit's grace.
He whom nothing can contain, no one can compel,
bound his timeless Godhead here, in our time to dwell.
God, our Father, Lord of days, and his only Son,
with the Holy Spirit praise: Trinity in One.

Words: Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal (1971)

Music: Francis Grier (b. 1955)

The service continues in the main booklet.

Collect

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8, v 7-18

read by Ralph Allwood

'The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

'Take heed lest you forget the Lord your God, by not keeping his commandments and his ordinances and his statutes, which I command you this day: lest, when you have eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth." You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 65

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion:

and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee:

he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with
the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness,

O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of
all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains:

and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea:

and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid

at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and
evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water:

thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys

thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the
increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness:

and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with

corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9, v 6-end

read by James Hitchcock

He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God; for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God. Under the test of this service, you will glorify God by your obedience in acknowledging the gospel of Christ, and by the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others; while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God in you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 12, v 16-30

read by Anthea Larken

The Holy Gospel is written in the 12th chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke, beginning at the 16th verse.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, "What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?" And he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.'

And he said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat, nor about your body, what you shall put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass which is alive in the field today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O men of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be of anxious mind. For all the nations of the world seek these things; and your Father knows that you need them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

The service continues in the main booklet.

Offertory Hymn

‘We plough the fields, and scatter’

NEH 262

The service continues in the main booklet.

Communion Anthem

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit
Trauren,
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt,
so sei vergnügt mein Wille!

Was willst du heute sorgen auf
Morgen?

Der Eine steht allem für,
der gibt auch dir das Deine.

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt,
das ist und heißt das Beste.
Amen.

*Do not be sorrowful or regretful;
be calm,
as God has ordained,
and thus my will shall be content.*

*What do you want to worry about from
day to day?*

*There is One who stands above all
who gives you, too, what is yours.*

*Only be steadfast in all you do,
stand firm; what God has decided,
that is and must be the best.
Amen.*

Words: Paul Fleming (1609-40)

Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-97)

The service continues in the main booklet.

Final Hymn

‘Now thank we all our God’

NEH 413

Voluntary

Marche héroïque

Sir A.H. Brewer (1865–1928)



NOTICES

FLOWERS: Thanks go to Margaret Henderson for the arrangement this week.

MONDAY EVENSONG: Introit, *God who made earth and sky* by Grier; Responses by Lloyd; Canticles, *Evening Service in F* by Wood; Anthem, *Tu es Petrus* by Duruflé.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP KAROWEI, 28 SEPTEMBER: The funeral service of the Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu will take place on Thursday, 28 September at 12 noon at Southwark Cathedral. Due to limitations of space, attendance is by invitation only, but the service will be livestreamed on the Diocese of Southwark's YouTube channel. The livestream will be screened locally at Christ Church East Greenwich, Trafalgar Road SE10 9EQ. The church will be open from 11.30am and refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

BBC BROADCASTS, 4 OCTOBER: All are very welcome to attend two upcoming BBC radio broadcasts, both taking place in the Chapel on Wednesday, 4 October. Those who wish to attend the live Radio 3 broadcast of Choral Evensong, led by the Revd Stephen Stavrou, should be seated by 3.45pm for a 4.00pm start. Those wishing to attend a recording of Radio 4's Morning Worship programme should be seated at 8.15pm for an 8.30pm start. The second service will be led by the Revds Simon Winn and Tati Gutteridge of St Alfege Church and focus on World Space Week. The Chapel Choir will feature at both services.

DEANERY FORUM, 10 OCTOBER: The next Charlton Deanery Forum will take place on Tuesday, 10 October at 7.00pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, St Mary Magdalene Crescent (off Greenlaw Street), Woolwich SE18 5AR. The meeting will focus on the ways that Deanery parishes support anti-poverty and social justice projects. The Forum is open to everyone and will finish by 8.45pm.

MOROCCO AND LIBYA DISASTER RELIEF: The Trustees of the Chapel Fund have, on behalf of the congregation, made a donation of £500 each to the British Red Cross's Moroccan Earthquake Appeal and Christian Aid's Libya Floods Appeal. Individual donations may also be made through www.redcross.org.uk and www.christianaid.org.uk.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH: The charity for September is Deptford Reach, a community outreach service providing advice and support within communities across Lewisham and Southwark. It works to identify people at risk of homelessness and provide casework and support to prevent this from occurring.

PASTORAL CARE PROVISION: Although the Chaplain remains available through email, telephone or video chat, the Revd William Chatterton has kindly agreed to be on call for anyone seeking in-person pastoral support. He can be reached via email at williamchatterton@hotmail.co.uk or on 07940 506139.

CHAPEL MAILING LIST: To receive the Chapel's weekly email, including the Chaplain's message, the forthcoming order of service, and the previous week's sermon, please send your first and last name and email to the Chapel Secretary at ornccsecretary@outlook.com with the subject line Chapel Mailing List.

LIFT USE ON SUNDAYS: To ensure that those requiring access to the Chapel lift do not encounter any difficulty or delay, a Foundation staff member will be on duty at the lift from 10.00–10.45am every Sunday morning. Those who wish to enter the Chapel using the lift are asked to arrive before 10.45am.

WEDDING AND BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: For all inquiries regarding weddings at the Chapel, please contact the Chapel Manager at drobson@ornc.org. For inquiries about baptisms, please contact the Chaplain at chaplain@ornc.org.

FORTHCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday, 1 October

11.00am Choral Eucharist for
the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: The Revd Gemma Birt

Sunday, 8 October

11.00am Choral Eucharist for
the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: The Revd William Chatterton

Sunday, 15 October

11.00am Choral Eucharist with Baptism for
the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
Preacher: The Revd Faith Wakeling



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Regular Services in the Chapel

Sunday 11.00am Choral Eucharist (BCP)
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