

THE CHURCH OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
GOODMAN STREET, BLACKLEY, MANCHESTER

CENTENARY FESTAL EVENSONG

Sunday, October 5th 2008, 5pm

The Church of the Most Holy Trinity
Goodman Street, Blackley, Manchester

Bolton Chamber Choir & The Occasional Consort
Ian Chesworth & Andrew Wilshere, Directors

Fr Philip Stamp, Parish Priest
Mark Batten, Organ

Featuring specially commissioned works by
David Liggins and Simeon Miller

During the procession to the west end:

Organ Processional (special commission)

Music: Miller

Please stand

Introit O quam gloriosum

Music: Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

**Hymn Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.**

**2 All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.**

**3 To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.**

**4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee of gain;
What they gain from thee, for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.**

**5 Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three, and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

Priest Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Please sit or kneel

All **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.**

Priest **Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who
desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may
turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power,
and commandment, to his ministers to declare and
pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution
and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all
them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy
Gospel.**

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.**

Opening responses

Music: Smith

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 up.

*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.*

Please sit

Psalm 122

Plainsong

- I was glad when they said unto me / We will go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand in thy gates / O Jerusalem.
 3. Jerusalem is built as a city / that is at unity in itself.
 4. For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord / to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.
 5. For there is the seat of judgement / even the seat of the house of David.
 6. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem / they shall prosper that love thee.
 7. Peace be within thy walls / and plenteousness within thy palaces.
 8. For my brethren and companions' sakes / I will wish thee prosperity.
 9. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God / I will seek to do thee good.
- Glory be to the Father, &c.
- As it was in the beginning, &c.

Old Testament reading

Please stand

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 showed 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, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Please sit

New Testament reading

Please stand

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, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

All **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 Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins:
The Resurrection of the body, And the Life
everlasting. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Lord be with you:
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. *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 Collects:

Almighty God, who through thy only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; We humbly beseech thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *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 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.*

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David

Music: Gibbons

Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the King of Israel.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.

Hosanna in the highest places.

Blessing The peace of God, which 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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Benediction

**O saving Victim, op'ning wide
the gate of heaven to man below;
our foes press on from every side;
thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.**

**2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee. Amen.**

The priest reads a short passage from Scripture, a Litany, or some other devotion. A silence may be observed for adoration and meditation.

**Therefore we, before him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.**

2 **Glory let us give, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who from Both with Both is One. Amen.**

Priest Thou gavest them bread from Heaven, Alleluia!
All **Containing in itself all sweetness, Alleluia!**

Priest O God, who in a wonderful sacrament hast left unto us the
 memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to
 venerate the sacred mysteries of thy body and blood, that
 we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy
 redemption: who livest and reignest world without end.
All **Amen.**

The priest then blesses the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

All **Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most sacred heart.
Blessed be his most precious blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed by the Holy Spirit, the paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.**

**Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.
Blessed be her glorious assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**

(Sung) **Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ
In the most holy sacrament.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in excelsis.**

Choir Bogoroditsye Dyevo (Hail Mary) Rachmaninoff

**Hymn Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In Whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has 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 and Him Who reigns
With Them in highest Heaven;
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and Heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Organ "St Anne" Fugue

J.S. Bach

You are invited to remain seated during the organ voluntary.

There is a retiring collection.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

BOLTON CHAMBER CHOIR

Bolton Chamber Choir was founded in 1961, and has in recent years established itself as one of the finest small choirs in the North West. The choir has a reputation for vigorous, stylish performances, attention to detail and imaginative programme planning. A high standard of musicianship and commitment is demanded of the members, as the choir gives six to eight concerts per year locally, some of unaccompanied music, and some shared with instrumentalists. Occasionally the singers join with other groups for larger events.

The Choir is committed to a wide and challenging repertoire of music from the sixteenth century to the present day, and is regularly involved in commissioning new works. In 1997 the Choir had the distinction of giving a first performance at the NFMS's national conference. The Choir is always on the look out for new members with blending voices, and the ability to sight-read. If you are interested in attending a rehearsal in order that you may audition us, and we may audition you, please contact us. We also welcome invitations to sing at concerts and services. For further information, please contact chairman Margaret Jackson on 01772 338756 or email chairman@boltonchamberchoir.org.uk.

OCCASIONAL CONSORT

The Occasional Consort is an ad-hoc group of singers drawn today from Manchester, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Cheshire! The aim of our group is threefold: first, to bring together individuals from a range of musical backgrounds; second, to have fun putting on performances with limited rehearsal time; and third, to perform new choral works by contemporary composers. In doing these things, we hope to appeal particularly to those who enjoy choral singing but do not have the time to commit to a choir with weekly rehearsals. We also hope that the pressure of having limited rehearsals will bring a vitality and edginess to the performance of both period and contemporary music. If you are interested in singing in future concerts, please call Andrew Wilshere on 07900 198149 or email info@andrewwilshere.co.uk.

Mark Batten was born in Bristol in 1980. He studied at the Junior Organ Conservatoire of London with Ann–Elise Smoot and subsequently at Birmingham Conservatoire where his principal teachers were David Saint, David Bruce–Payne and Douglas Hollick. Whilst at the Conservatoire Mark held the organ scholarships at St Chad’s and St Philip’s Cathedrals and was awarded the Conservatoire’s Geoffrey Knowles award that enabled him to further his studies with David Briggs. After graduating in 2003 with a BMus(Hons) degree and the John Campbell Keyboard Prize Mark spent a year as Assistant Organist at the Birmingham Oratory whilst undertaking postgraduate research for an MMus degree into issues of performance practice in nineteenth and twentieth century French and Belgian organ music.

Mark is currently Organist at the church of St James the Greater in Leicester (a post separate from the Director of Music). In this capacity he is responsible for accompanying the well–known choir of men and boys with whom he has broadcast several times on BBC Radio and recently appeared on the BBC2 television series “The Choir: Boys Don’t Sing.” Alongside his work at St James the Greater, Mark directs the Leicester University Chamber Choir and is increasingly in demand as a recitalist. You are invited to visit his website at www.markbatten.co.uk.

Andrew Wilshere has been Organist and Choirmaster at Holy Trinity Church since 2002, and Director of the ad-hoc Occasional Consort since 2007. His musical life began as a church and cathedral chorister in Leicester, taking part in tours of Britain and Europe, and singing in a number of local and national radio and television broadcasts, which included a live solo on BBC1. He took up the organ in 2002 and passed Grade 8 with Distinction within two years. Increasingly in demand as a recitalist and accompanist, Andrew recently travelled to New Zealand to direct the music for a theatre event at the University of Otago, and has since been appointed to the Organ Scholarship for 2008 at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin.

Having previously graduated in Theology, Andrew recently completed an MA in Middle Eastern Studies. His Masters thesis examined the philosophy of music, liturgy and time, and particularly musical improvisation within Jewish and Christian traditions. During this research he was lucky enough to work with David Briggs. Andrew is now researching for a PhD in philosophy, entitled "Rights and Responsibility: Emmanuel Levinas' Critique of Liberalism." In what little time remains, Andrew works as a Research Assistant at the University of Manchester, and enjoys cycling, design, and fine coffee!