

**Christ The King – Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> – St Francis – Choral Evening Service**

**Kleine Praeludian und Intermezzi Op. 9 No. 6 - Hermann Schroeder**

**Introit : Psalm 93, chant by Thomas Attwood.** Recorded in Chichester Cathedral by St Francis Choir in 2017

*The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;  
your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.*

*The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.  
More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves<sup>[a]</sup> of the sea,  
majestic on high is the LORD!*

*Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, forevermore.*

**Welcome:** Rev'd Rachel Wakefield

**J.S. Bach arr. William Harris – King of Glory, King of Peace.** Recorded in Chichester Cathedral by St Francis Choir in 2017

**Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24**

*For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I*

*will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.*

*Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.*

**C.V. Stanford – Te deum in B flat** – Recorded in Hereford Cathedral by St F Choir in 1997

### **Ephesians 1.15-end**

*I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love<sup>[2]</sup> toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God<sup>[1]</sup> put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the*

*head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

### **Caesar - Gloria Missa Brevis Capella Regis**

*GLORY be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### **Matthew 25.31-end**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,<sup>[a]</sup> you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did

not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**Herbert Howells – A hymn for St Cecilia.** Recorded in Portsmouth Cathedral by St Francis Choir in 2018

## **Prayers**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height. Words John Henry Newman, Tune J.B. Dykes.** Recorded in St Francis Church on Good Friday 2018

*Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.*

*O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight  
and to the rescue came.*

*O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe,  
should strive and should prevail;*

*And that a higher gift than grace  
should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,*

*and essence all-divine.*

*O generous love! that he, who smote  
in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man  
for man should undergo;*

*And in the garden secretly,  
and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire  
to suffer and to die.*

*Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise:  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways.*

**Postlude in G major. C. V. Stanford**

**Organists: Robin Coxon and Neil Taylor**