

The 366th Festival

of

Clergy Support Trust

Tuesday 11th May 2021 6 pm

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

The Choir of St Paul's Cathedral is directed by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music. The Choir of Liverpool Cathedral is directed by Lee Ward, Director of Music. The Choir of Southwark Cathedral is directed by lan Keatley, Director of Music. The Organ is played by Simon Johnson, Assistant Director of Music and Organist.

The 366th Festival of Clergy Support Trust

Clergy Support Trust, previously known as Sons & Friends of the Clergy, has its origins in the middle of the seventeenth century. At that time a group of sons of clergymen recognised that there was a need for charitable help for the families of many members of the clergy who, having remained loyal to the monarchy during the Commonwealth, had been deprived of their livings and left destitute. The first Festival, held in November 1655, was the charity's founding event and there has been a Festival every year since then – making this, it is believed, the oldest service of its kind in the Anglican Communion.

The Festival Service is known for its fine music. Today this is provided by the Choirs of St Paul's Cathedral, Liverpool Cathedral and Southwark Cathedral.

A feature of the Festival Service has always been a sermon by a distinguished preacher, and our preacher today will be the Right Reverend Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham.

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Clergy Support Trust is one of the oldest clergy charities, and set out on the back page of this Order of Service is some information about its work and how you may be able to help support its efforts.

ORDER OF SERVICE

You are invited to join in all texts printed in **bold**.

A fanfare is sounded.

The Bidding

given by

The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, Dean

Dear friends in Christ, welcome to this virtual service from St Pau's Cathedral, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ, to offer thanks and praise to the glory of God in fellowship with Clergy Support Trust, and to pray for God's blessing upon its work of relieving those in need and strengthening the weak so that the ministry of the Christian Church may bear the fruits of the Gospel of Christ.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in ministry and service in the worldwide Church, that they may have the resources they need to share the good news of Christ with all.

We remember before God all those throughout the world who need our prayers: the sick and the suffering; the lonely and the bereaved; the homeless and the destitute – that they may know the love of God in Christ and his power to save.

And we pray in this great season of Easter that, as God inspired men and women of faith, hope and charity to follow Christ and support the work of Clergy Support Trust, so may we be inspired with generous hearts and enlightened minds in the service of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anthem

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving kindness is better than life itself: My lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner and lift up my hands in thy Name. Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

Words: Psalm 63. I-5, 8

Music: Henry Purcell (1658/9-95)

Testimonials

given by

The Reverend Jones Mutemwakwenda

and

Emma Frith

The First Lesson

read by

The Reverend Canon Jonathan Brewster, Treasurer, Canon in Residence

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Anthem

O clap your hands all ye people: shout unto God with a voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible: he is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises unto our King, for God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

Words: Psalm 47. 1, 2, 5-8

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Second Lesson

read by

Alderman William Russell, The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Anthem

Faire is the heaven Where happy soules have place In full enjoyment of felicitie; Whence they doe still behold the glorious face Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie; Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins Which all with golden wings are overdight; And those eternall burning Seraphins Which from their faces dart out fiery light; Yet fairer than they both and much more bright, Be th' Angels and Archangels Which attend on God's owne person without rest or end. These then in faire each other farre excelling As to the Highest they approach more neare. Yet is that Highest farre beyond all telling Fairer than all the rest which there appeare Though all their beauties joynd together were; How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse The image of such endless perfectnesse?

Words: Edmund Spenser (1552-99)

Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)

The Sermon

given by

The Right Reverend Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham

Testimonials

given by

The Reverend Katie Wakeman-Toogood

and

Helen McGeoch

led by

The Reverend Rosemary Morton, Succentor

and

Constance Chinhengo, Trustee, Clergy Support Trust

Nick Gazard, Marketing and Communications Manager, Clergy Support Trust

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

God of wisdom, who leads us into all truth; we pray for the Church as it seeks to understand your purpose and will. We thank you for all who serve your Church in public ministry, praying especially for all bishops, priests, and deacons. May they be strengthened to serve you as they share in the work of the gospel.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

God of grace, whose Spirit bestowed varieties of gifts; we pray that the same Spirit will draw more people to offer themselves for service in your Church. May they, and those who are currently in training, be given the needful gifts to serve you effectively.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

God of generosity, who gives us life in abundance; we pray for all those who support the work of Clergy Support Trust. Prosper the work of the charity, and may those who are ministered to by them be strengthened and encouraged to persevere through the support and care they receive.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us. God of resurrection, whose Son Jesus Christ showed us the depth of your love; we pray that we may follow his example in obedience to your call, that in fellowship with all the saints in heaven and earth, we may come to share in the joys of eternal life.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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 Charity's Prayer

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us; and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn







All my hope on God is founded; He doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, Only good and only true. God unknown, He alone Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, Sword and crown betray his trust; What with care and toil he buildeth, Tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, Hour by hour, Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, Deep his wisdom, passing thought: Splendour, light, and life attend him, Beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore From his store New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver Bounteous gifts on us bestow; His desire our soul delighteth, Pleasure leads us where we go. Love doth stand At his hand; Joy doth wait on his command. Still from earth to God eternal Sacrifice of praise be done, High above all praises praising For the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call One and all: Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: (333) Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.

Tune: Michael Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Blessing

given by

The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Organ Voluntary

Placare Christe servulis

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

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Clergy Support Trust has, under one name or another, been supporting Anglican clergy and their families for 366 years. Working across the UK, Ireland and Europe, the charity provides a wide programme of financial grants and specialist services to support and serve those who, in their life-changing ministry and community leadership, support and serve so many others.

In 2020, we provided over 2,437 grants totaling \pounds 2.42m to meet a variety of needs, including health, wellbeing, and financial support. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Trust has extended the ways in which it can help, including offering more emergency grants, an online service to help with insomnia, and grants for home technology. As well as supporting serving clergy, we are delighted to help ordinands, retired clergy, spouses and widow(er)s, and clergy children. Our website has a simple eligibility checker and further information on the range of support available.

Many of our lives, and the lives of those we know, are touched by the remarkable ministry of clergy and their families. Please consider helping us to help them. We would welcome new Governors of the charity, and Stewards of the Festival, as well as contact from those interest in supporting our work through donations and legacies. Most importantly, please do share our name and website with clergy of your acquaintance.

Amongst our supporters, we are continually grateful for the ongoing support of the City of London Livery Companies which help make this annual service such a special occasion. We would also like to thank Charles Stanley, Hoares Bank, Novametrics, and Sarasin & Partners for their generous support of this year's unique, online Festival.

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