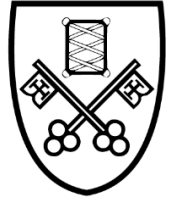




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



Choral Evensong

Remembering Bori Benkő

21 November 2022

17.30

Welcome

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral for this special service of Choral Evensong in which we remember the death of Bori Benkő one year ago today. We each will bring something different – not just memories, but different stages of grief concerning her loss, and faith in the God in whom she trusted.

Most of the service will be sung by the Priest and the Choir. You are invited to participate in the service not just by joining in the words in bold type, but also by entering into the words of this ancient office, as said or sung by others. This is a service in which we hold one another in prayer through our presence and silence as much as through our speaking. In preparation, we encourage you to switch off any devices that you may have with you and sit quietly

If you need the toilet, you will find facilities toward the rear of the church. If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to the T position. In the event of an emergency please remain calm and seated until directed out of the Cathedral.

All are welcome to stay after the service, either to sit quietly, and/or to join in a shared meal in honour of Bori's fine tradition of sharing food with others.

Thank you for joining together for this service of recollection and hope.

Revd Pete Gunstone, Interim Precentor, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter.

Before the service, we keep silence as the organ plays.

We stand as the choir and clergy enter.

The Gathering

Revd Pete Gunstone, Interim Precentor

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction.

We look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen;
for the things that are seen are transient
but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Today we come together to remember before God our sister Bori,
to give thanks for her life and to comfort one another in our grief.

Let us pray.

We keep silence.

Father in heaven,
we thank you because you made us in your own image
and gave us gifts in body, mind and spirit.
We thank you now for Bori
and what she meant to each of us.
As we honour her memory,
make us more aware that you are the one
from whom comes every perfect gift,
including the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Versicles and Responses

The Precentor and Choir sing:

○ Lord, open thou our lips:
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

We stand.

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.

Music: Andrew Millington (b. 1952)

We sit.

Psalm 84

The choir sing:

○ how amiable are thy dwellings:
thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, ○ Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
they will be always praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee:
in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well:
and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength:
and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
○ Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:
hearken, ○ God of Jacob.
Behold, ○ God our defender:
and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts:
is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God:
than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the Lord God is a light and defence:
the Lord will give grace and worship,
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
O Lord God of hosts:
blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

We stand as the doxology is sung:

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.

We sit.

Lamentations 3.22-26, 31-33

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
For the Lord will not
reject forever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

We keep silence for a moment.

Magnificat

We stand. The choir sing:

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
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 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, 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.

Music: Setting in C# minor by Paul Edwards (b.1955)

We sit.

John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

We keep silence for a moment.

Nunc Dimittis

We stand. The choir sing:

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, 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.

Music: Setting in C# minor by Paul Edwards (b. 1955)

The Apostles' Creed

We remain standing and say together:

**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 Catholic Church;
the Communion of Saints;
the Forgiveness of sins;
the Resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lesser Litany

The Precentor and Choir sing:

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

We kneel or sit.

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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Stir up, we beseech thee, ○ Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

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 both, 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.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

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.

Music: Andrew Millington (b.1952)

Anthem

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
for love is strong as death;
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

*Words: Song of Solomon 8.6-7
Music: William Walton (1902-1983)*

Prayers of Intercession and Commendation

We remain sitting or we kneel.

The prayers conclude with The Grace:

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Hymn

We stand to sing:

All The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

**Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.**

*Words: H.W Baker (1821-1877)
Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME, J.B. Dyyes (1823-1876), CP 589*

The Conclusion

We remain standing.

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but also for those whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power to have raised our Lord Jesus Christ
from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

We remain standing as the organ plays and the choir and clergy leave.

After the organ has played, you are invited to join us for a shared meal.

Material in this Order of Service is taken from *The Book of Common Prayer, 1662* and *Common Worship: Pastoral Services, 2005*. Scripture readings are taken from the *New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised Edition)* of the Bible, 1989. Hymn words are taken from *Common Praise* (2000).