

BACH VESPERS

St Anne's Lutheran Church
at the Church of St Mary-at-Hill, Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EE
Reformation Sunday, 29 October 2017 at 18.30

Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Reformation

Prelude Sinfonia from Cantata BWV 42, *Am Abend aber desselbigen Sabbats*

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Motet *Non moriar*

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

Chorale Prelude *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*, BWV 720

J. S. Bach

Stand as able to sing the Hymn: A safe stronghold our God is still



1 A safe stronghold our God is still,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he'll keep us clear from all the ill
that hath us now o'ertaken.
The ancient prince of hell
hath risen with purpose fell;
strong mail of craft and power
he weareth in this hour;
on earth is not his fellow.

2 That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(all say) **And also with you**

Psalm 46 (said responsively)

1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.[c]

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.

5 God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

7 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

8 Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

11 The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Collect of the Day - all say **Amen**

Chorale Prelude Vater Unser In Himmelreich, BWV 686 from *Orgelbüchlein*

J.S. Bach

Stand as able to sing

1. Our Fa-ther, Lord of heav'n and earth, let praise and ho-nour clothe your name. Your
 2. For - give us, Lord, our sins and debts as we to debt-ors show your grace. Re -
 king-dom come, your will be done; through - out the world com-plete your reign. Teach
 move us from all tempt-ing paths and guard us from the dev - il's ways; for
 us, O Lord, to trust in you for bread and breath each day a - new.
 glo - ry, strength, and heav-en's throne be - long to you, and you a - lone. A - men.

sit for the **First Reading**

2 Thessalonians 2: 3-8

The Creed: *Wir gläuben all an einen Gott* 1st verse, sung by the choir:

Andreas Raselius

*Wir gläuben all an einen Gott,
 Schöpfer Himmels und der Erden,
 der sich zum Vater geben hat,
 dass wir seine Kinder werden.
 Er will uns allzeit ernähren,
 Leib und Seel auch wohl bewahren;
 allem Unfall will er wehren,
 kein Leid soll uns widerfahren.
 Er sorget für uns, hüt' und wacht;
 es steht alles in seiner Macht.*

We all believe in one true God,
 Who created earth and heaven,
 The Father, who to us in love
 Hath the right of children given.
 He both soul and body feedeth,
 All we need He doth provide us;
 He through snares and perils leadeth,
 Watching that no harm betide us.
 He careth for us day and night,
 All things are governed by His might.

Stand as able to sing verses 2 & 3 (overleaf)

2. We all be - lieve in Je - sus - Christ, his own Son, our Lord, pos - ses - sing an
 3. We all con - fess the Ho - ly - Ghost Who in high - est hea - ven dwel - ling, With
 e - equal God head, throne and might, Source of ev' - ry grace and bles - sing: Born of Ma - ry, vir - gin
 God the Fa - ther and the Son, com - forts us be - yond all tel - ling. Who the church, His own cre -
 mo - ther, By the pow - er of the Spi - rit, Word made flesh, our el - der bro - ther; That the
 a - tion, Keeps in u - ni - ty of spi - rit. Here for - give - ness and sal - va - tion Dai - ly
 lost might life in - he - rit, Was put to death up - on the cross
 come through Je - sus' me - rit. All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
 [v. 3]
 and raised by God vic - to - ri - ous. A - - - - - men.
 in bliss with God e - ter - nal - ly.

The Sermon Introduction

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon Hymn (sung by the choir) BWV 332

J.S. Bach

*Herr Jesu Christ! dich zu uns wend,
Dein' Heil'gen Geist du zu uns send:
Mit Hilf' und Gnad', er uns regier
Und uns den Weg zur Wahrheit führ.*

Lord Jesus Christ! Turn towards us,
send your Holy Spirit to us:
with her help and grace may he rule us
and lead us on the way to truth.

Sermon

Cantata: BWV 80, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*

J.S. Bach

(See insert for translation)

Stand as able to sing responsively:

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us

The Prayer

Remain standing for the Responses (sung by the choir)

The Collect for Peace - all say **Amen**

Sit for the Offering: *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden*, BWV 230

J. S. Bach

Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden,
und preiset ihn, alle Völker!
Denn seine Gnade und Wahrheit
waltet über uns in Ewigkeit.
Alleluia.

*Praise the Lord, all the heathen
And celebrate him, all people!
For his grace and truth
Reign over us for ever.
Alleluia.*

Stand as able for the Blessing - all say **Amen**

Announcements

Postlude Will glauben all' an einen Gott, BWV 680

J. S. Bach

Remain in silence until the candles are extinguished

Announcements

We welcome new visitors and old friends to this Bach Vespers service of St. Anne's Lutheran Church at St. Mary-at-Hill. You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments and a chat at the end of the service.

Participants in this service:

Preacher: The Rev'd Ronald Bagnall | Presiding Minister: The Rev'd Sarah Farrow

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The involvement of professional period instrumentalists and singers in this service is a significant expense that cannot be met by the church alone. If Bach Vespers were a concert, then tickets would be at least £10 per person. We want to provide the best music not only for our congregation but for our visitors, throughout the year. Please give generously in the collection to help us to support these and all our musicians so that we may continue to provide high quality music in future.

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The music for this service of Bach Vespers is provided by the City Bach Collective citybachcollective.org.uk, leader-director Hazel Brooks

CHOIR

Emily Atkinson
Vanessa Heine
Robert Jenkins
Cheyney Kent

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Violins: Hazel Brooks, Phil Yeeles
Viola: Joanne Miller
Cello: Jenny Bullock
Violone: Harry Buckoke
Oboes: Geoff Coates, Belinda Paul, Gerry McDonald
Bassoon: Martin Clark
Organ: Simon Lloyd

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