

BACH VESPERS

St Anne's Lutheran Church
at the Church of St Mary-at-hill, Lovat Lane, London EC3R 8EE
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, 25 September 2016 at 18.30

Prelude Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BuxWV192

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Chorale prelude Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BWV Anh. 55

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Stand as able to sing the Hymn: Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn (The only Son from heaven)



1. The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.

2. O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"

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

Psalm 34:8-22

(said responsively; all say **text in bold**)

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Stand as able for the Collect of the Day - all say **Amen**

Sit for the **Chorale Prelude** Improvised on Vater Unser In Himmelreich

Simon Lloyd

All stand as able to sing The Lord's Prayer



1. Our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
let praise and honour clothe your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done;
throughout the world complete your reign.
Teach us, O Lord, to trust in you
for bread and breath each day anew.

2. Forgive us, Lord, our sins and debts
as we to debtors show your grace.
Remove us from all tempting paths
and guard us from the devil's ways;
for glory, strength, and heaven's throne
belong to you, and you alone. Amen.

Remain seated for **The First Reading**

1 Corinthians 1: 4-8

The Creed: *Wir gläuben all an einen Gott*, Kleine Geistliche Konzerte SWV 303

Heinrich Schütz
(1587-1654)

1st verse, sung by the choir:

*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

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

Sit for **the Gospel**

Matthew 22: 34-46

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.

The Sermon

Cantata: 'Herr Christ, der einige Gottessohn', BWV 96

J.S. Bach

Cantata BWV 96 was first performed in Bach Vespers in October 1990 and then in 1992, 1995 and 2001. This will be its fifth performance in association with St. Anne's Lutheran Church. 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)

Peter Lea-Cox
 (1945-)

The Collect for Peace - all say Amen

Sit for **the Offering**:

O süßer, o freundlicher (SWV 285)

Heinrich Schütz
 (1585-1672)

Sonata 7 (a 4)

Matthias Weckmann
 (1616-1674)

Stand as able for the Blessing - all say Amen

Announcements

Postlude Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn, BWV 601 Orgelbüchlein No. 3

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 Jonathan Coore, Rector of Christ Church Southwark | Presiding Minister: The Rev'd Eliza Zikmane | Lector: Trevor Broomhill

Music provided by the City Bach Collective, citybachcollective.org.uk

CHOIR

Soprano: Emily Atkinson

Alto: Edward Edgcumbe

Tenor: Joseph Ford Thompson

Bass: Cheyney Kent

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Violins: Hazel Brooks, Phil Yeeles

Viola: Geoff Irwin

Cello/gamba: Jenny Bullock

Violone: Peter McCarthy

Oboes: Geoff Coates, Belinda Paul

Flute and Recorder: Lisete da Silva

Organ: Simon Lloyd

The next Bach Vespers will be on 23 October 2016 at 18.30 (BWV 89)

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