

Trinity College (Virtual) Chapel

Love is His Meaning



An evening service of music, readings, prayers and reflection during the COVID-19 pandemic

Sunday of Third Week, Trinity Term 2020

❖ Welcome and Opening Prayer

The Chaplain

❖ Preces

Sung by the Choir

This evening's setting is by Kathryn Rose.

Cantor: Hayley Myhan

Soprano: Hayley Myhan, Grace Taylor-West

Alto: Lois Heslop, Alicia Middleton

Bass: Alex Tucker, Tristan Weymes

❖ First Reading

Read by Frederick Follows

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. This is the Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Colossians iii 12-17

❖ Reflection

The Chaplain

*A transcript of tonight's reflection is available on our website at
<https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/the-chapel/virtual-chapel/>.*

❖ Second Reading

Read by Lois Heslop

In this same time our Lord shewed me a spiritual sight of His homely loving. I saw that He is to us everything that is good and comfortable for us: He is our clothing that for love wrappeth us, claspeth us, and all encloseth us for tender love, that He may never leave us; being to us all-thing that is good, as to mine understanding. Also in this He shewed me a little thing, the quantity of an hazel-nut, in the palm of my hand; and it was as round as a ball. I looked thereupon with eye of my understanding, and thought: What may this be? And it was answered generally thus: it is all that is made. I marvelled how it might last, for methought it might suddenly have fallen to naught for little[ness]. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasteth, and ever shall [last] for that God loveth it. And so All-thing hath the Being by the love of God. In this Little Thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it, the second is that God loveth it, the third, that God keepeth it. But what is to me verily the Maker, the Keeper, and the Lover, – I cannot tell; for till I am Substantially oned to Him, I may never have full rest nor very bliss: that is to say, till I be so fastened to Him, that there is right nought that is made betwixt my God and me.

From 'Revelations of Divine Love' by Julian of Norwich

❖ Responses and Collects

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Collect for the Feast of Dame Julian of Norwich (8th May):

Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Collect for Aid against 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.

❖ Anthem: 'Salutation' by Ēriks Ešenvalds *Sung by the Choir*

*In one salutation to thee, my God,
let all my senses spread out and touch this world at thy feet.*

*Like a rain-cloud of July
hung low with its burden of unshed showers
let all my mind bend down at thy door in one salutation to thee.*

*Let all my songs gather together their diverse strains into a single current
and flow to a sea of silence in one salutation to thee.*

*Like a flock of homesick cranes flying night and day
back to their mountain nests
let all my life take its voyage to its eternal home
in one salutation to thee.*

Words by Rabindranath Tagore

Soprano 1: Megan Bell, Hayley Myhan, Eilidh Ross, Grace Taylor-West

Soprano 2: Lois Heslop, Jess Skelton, Lucia Svecova

Alto: Anne Courtney, Kitty Foster, Hazel Gardner, Lily Griffin, Alicia

Middleton, Lauren Weaver

Tenor: Alex Tucker

Bass 1: Stephen Hughes, Tristan Weymes

Bass 2: Nick Kenny, Tristan Weymes

❖ Hymn

This evening's hymn has been recorded from their homes by current members and alumni of Trinity College Chapel Choir, accompanied by Alex Tucker on piano. Those listening are encouraged to join in!

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

❖ Trinity College Founder's Prayer

O God, the Resurrection and Life of them that put their trust in thee, who art always to be praised as well in the Dead as in the Living; we yield thee thanks for Sir Thomas Pope, Knight, our Founder, and the Lady Elizabeth, his wife, both deceased, and for all other our Benefactors, by whose liberality we are here brought up in godliness and learning; beseeching thee to give us grace so to use their benefits bestowed upon us, that with them we may come to the endless glory of thy Resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

❖ Blessing

The Chaplain

❖ Voluntary

Played by Tristan Weymes

This evening's voluntary is by Alexandre Guilmant.