



**ALL SAINTS
KINGSTON**

6pm Choral Evensong

14 June 2026
2nd Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong.

The Revd Michael Stokes is officiating this evening and Revd Vernon Fray is preaching.

The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

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| <u>Hymns</u> | 336 | Angel voices ever singing |
| | 360 | Firmly I believe and truly |
| | 408 | Love Divine, all loves excelling |

Responses Gibbons/Barnard

Canticles Wood *Collegium Regale*

Psalm 42

- 1 Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God
- 2 My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night: while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
- 4 Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself: for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
- 5 In the voice of praise and thanksgiving: among such as keep holy-day.
- 6 Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- 7 Put thy trust in God: for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

- 8 My God, my soul is vexed within me: therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.
- 9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes: all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
- 10 The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.
- 11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me: why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
- 12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword: while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
- 13 Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy God?
- 14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?
- 15 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Readings

I Samuel 21: 1-15

David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, 'Why are you alone, and no one with you?' David said to the priest Ahimelech, 'The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, "No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you." I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.' The priest answered David, 'I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.' David answered the priest, 'Indeed, women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?' So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away. Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's shepherds.

David said to Ahimelech, 'Is there no spear or sword here with you? I did not bring my sword or my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.' The priest said, 'The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah, is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod;

if you will take that, take it, for there is none here except that one.' David said, 'There is none like it; give it to me.'

David rose and fled that day from Saul; he went to King Achish of Gath. The servants of Achish said to him, 'Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances,

"Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands"?)'

David took these words to heart and was very much afraid of King Achish of Gath. So he changed his behaviour before them; he pretended to be mad when in their presence. He scratched marks on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle run down his beard. Achish said to his servants, 'Look, you see the man is mad; why then have you brought him to me? Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?'

Luke 11: 14-28

Jesus was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.' Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out?

Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armour in which he trusted and divides his plunder. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

'When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting-place, but not finding any, it says, "I will return to my house from which I came." When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first.'

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

Collect

O Lord, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy stedfast fear and love; Keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *Wood 'Hail, gladdening light'*

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Divine.

Wothiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

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