Choral Evensong
and the Commemoration of
Bishop Lancelot Andrewes

Sunday 27 September 2020
3.00pm
Welcome to Southwark Cathedral

Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed ‘South Bank Religion’. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be
explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as ‘inclusive: faithful: radical’.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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**Responses**  
Philip Moore

**Canticles**  
in E · Charles Wood  
View me, Lord · Charles Wood
Please stand as the Choir and Ministers enter.

The Officiant says a sentence

O praise the Lord with me:
and let us magnify his Name together.

Psalm 34. 3

and then are sung

Versicles and Responses

Sung by the Lay clerks.

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord;
The Lord’s name be praised.
Psalm 1

Please be seated as the psalm is sung.

Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stood in the way of sinners: and hath not sat in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law will he exercise himself day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the water side: that will bring forth his fruit in due season.

His leaf also shall not wither: and look, whatsoever he doeth, it shall prosper.

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: but they are like the chaff, which the wind scattereth away from the face of the earth.

Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in the judgement: neither the sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

But the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: and the way of the ungodly shall perish.
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.

First Lesson
Ecclesiasticus 39. 1–10

The First Lesson is written in the book Ecclesiasticus, the thirty-ninth chapter at the first verse.

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables.

He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot.

He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins.
If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord’s covenant. Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

Here ends the First Lesson.

The awarding of the Lancelot Andrewes Medal

The Bishop of Southwark presents the Lancelot Andrewes Medal to members of the diocese who have given exceptional service during the lockdown.

Please stand for the singing of the
Magnificat

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 has sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our fore-fathers, 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.

Please sit for the

Second Lesson
John 21. 15–17

The Second Lesson is written in the Holy Gospel according to St John, the twenty-first chapter at the fifteenth verse.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he
said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’

Here ends the Second Lesson.

Please stand for the singing of the

**Nunc Dimittis**

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.

Please remain standing as we say
The Apostles’ Creed

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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Officiant and Choir sing
The Lord be with you;
And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel

Let us pray:

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.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people;
And bless thine inheritance.

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

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

The Collects

The Collect for the Feast of Lancelot Andrewes

Lord God, who gavest to thy servant Lancelot Andrewes many gifts of thy Holy Spirit, making him a man of prayer and a pastor of thy people: perfect in us that which is lacking in thy gifts, of faith, to increase it, of hope, to establish it, of love, to kindle it, that we may live in the light of thy grace and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

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 Third 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.

Remain seated for the

Anthem
View me, Lord · Charles Wood

Prayers

Led by the Dean.
Anthem
O sing joyfully · Adrian Batten

During which the clergy process to the High Altar sanctuary and the tomb of Bishop Andrewes.

Reading

A reading from a biography of Lancelot Andrewes by his pupil and friend Henry Isaacson

The virtues and good parts of this honourable prelate were so many, and those so translucent, that to do him right, a large volume would be but sufficient which I shall leave to some of better abilities to perform, which I shall, by way of epitome, only point a finger at in what follows.

His first and principal virtue was his singular zeal and piety which showed itself not only in his private and secret devotions between God and himself, in which they that were about him well perceived that he daily spent many hours, yea, and the greatest part of his life in holy prayers, and abundant tears; but also in his exemplary public prayers with his family in his chapel wherein he behaved himself so humbly, devoutly, and reverently, that it could not but move others to follow his example. His chapel in which he had monthly communions was so decently
and reverently adorned, and God served there with so holy and reverend behaviour of himself and his family, that the souls of many were very much elated.

The whole Christian world took especial notice of his profound and deep learning, yet was he so far from acknowledging it in himself that he would often complain of his defects, even to the extenuating, yea vilifying of his own worth and abilities; professing many times, that he was but a useless servant, nay, a useless lump. Insomuch that being preferred by King James to the Bishopric of Chichester, and pretending his own imperfections and insufficiency to undergo such a charge, as also that he might have not only his clergy, but all others to take notice thereof, he caused to be engraven about the seal of his Bishopric those words of St Paul, 'And who is sufficient for these things?'

His indefatigability in study cannot be paralleled, if we consider him from his childhood to his old age. Never any man took such pains, or at least spent so much time in study, as this reverend prelate; from the hour he arose, his private devotions finished, to the time he was called to dinner, which, by his own order, was not till twelve at noon at the soonest, he kept close at his book, and would not be interrupted by any that came to speak with him, or upon any occasion, public prayer excepted. Insomuch that he would be so displeased with scholars that attempted
to speak with him in a morning, that he would say 'he doubted they were no true scholars that came to speak with him before noon'.

Of the fruit of this seed-time, the world, especially this land, hath reaped a plentiful harvest in his sermons and writings. Never went any beyond him in the first of these, his preaching, wherein he had such a dexterity, that some would say of him, that he was quick again as soon as delivered; and in this faculty he hath left a pattern unimitable. So that he was truly styled, 'an angel in the pulpit'.

A prayer of Bishop Lancelot Andrewes
The Bishop of Southwark, the Right Reverend Christopher Chessun

Blessed are you, 0 Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil and every fear; for thou are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages.

All Amen.
**Blessing**

*Written by Bishop Lancelot Andrewes, read by the Bishop of Southwark.*

Be, Lord, within us to strengthen us, without us to preserve us, over us to shelter us, beneath us to support us, before us to divert us, behind us to bring us back, round about us to fortify us; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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