



Girton College

Choral Evensong Sunday 25 October 2020, 5:30pm

Service Theme: Jesus said 'I Am the Gate'

Speaker: Dr Charlie Bell

Music: Visitation (Rachel Hill), Responses - Trevor Weston. Evening Service in F (Samuel Coleridge-Taylor), and Tantum Ergo (Charles-Marie Widor)

Psalm 147 Laudate Dominum

○ PRAISE the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God : yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem : and gather together the out-casts of Israel.

He healeth those that are broken in heart : and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.

He telleth the number of the stars : and calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and great is his power : yea, and his wisdom is infinite.

The Lord setteth up the meek : and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.

○ sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving : sing praises upon the harp unto our God;

Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth : and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains, and herb for the use of men;

Who giveth fodder unto the cattle : and feedeth the young ravens

that call upon him.

He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse : neither delighteth he in any man's legs.

But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him: and put their trust in his mercy.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem : praise thy God, O Sion.

For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates : and hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders : and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth : and his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool : and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels : who is able to abide his frost?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them : he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.

He sheweth his word unto Jacob : his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation : neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:10-17

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,

and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,

and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,

and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

and over the young of the flock and the herd;

their life shall become like a watered garden,

and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,

and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,
lamentation and bitter weeping.
Rachel is weeping for her children;
she refuses to be comforted for her children,
because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping,
and your eyes from tears;
for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD:
they shall come back from the land of the enemy;
there is hope for your future, says the LORD:
your children shall come back to their own country.

New Testament Reading: John 10:1-10

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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