



# CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 21 November 2023

*Eve of St Cecilia*

*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong  
sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge.*

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including cameras, are switched off.*

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and available to watch again. You may be identifiable as  
in attendance at the service.*

## VOLUNTARY

Adagio, from Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28 Vierne

## INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Ave Maris Stella (1893)

Ave, maris stella, Dei Mater alma,  
atque semper Virgo, felix cœli porta.  
Solve vincla reis profer lumen cæcis:  
mala nostra pelle bona cuncta posce.  
Vitam præsta puram, iter para tutum:  
ut videntes Jesum semper collætetur.  
Sit laus Deo Patri summo Christo decus,  
Spiritui Sancto, tribus honor unus. Amen.

*Hail, O Star of heaven, God's own mother blest,  
ever sinless Virgin, gate of heavenly rest.  
Break the sinners' fetters, make our blindness day,  
chase all evils from us, for all blessings pray.*

*Keep our life all spotless, make our way secure  
till we find in Jesus, joy for evermore.*

*Praise to God the Father, honour to the Son,  
in the Holy Spirit, be the glory one. Amen.*

Words: Hymn for Vespers  
Music: Edvard Grieg (1843–1907)

*All stand when the choir and clergy enter*

## RESPONSES

Rose

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.

## *All sit for PSALM 106: 1–12*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :  
and his mercy endureth for ever.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord :  
or shew forth all his praise?

Blessed are they that always keep judgement :  
and do righteousness.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that thou  
bearest unto thy people : O visit me with thy salvation;

That I may see the felicity of thy chosen : and rejoice  
in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with  
thine inheritance.

We have sinned with our fathers :  
we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt, neither  
kept they thy great goodness in remembrance : but  
were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake :  
that he might make his power to be known.

He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up : so he  
led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.

And he saved them from the adversaries' hand :  
and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.

As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed  
them : there was not one of them left.

Then believed they his words : and sang praise unto him.  
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.

*The FIRST LESSON is read*

Daniel 8: 15–26  
(NRSV p. 758)

## *All stand for the MAGNIFICAT*

Second Service

Leighton

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced  
in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of  
his handmaiden. 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 hath sent  
empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his  
servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham  
and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father...

*All sit for the SECOND LESSON*

Revelation 11: 1–6  
(NRSV p. 233)

## *All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS*

Second Service

Leighton

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...

*All turn East and say the APOSTLES' CREED*

**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 Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*All kneel*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**RESPONSES**

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

O Lord, save the King.  
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 COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS**

*All sit for the ANTHEM*

A Hymn for St Cecilia (1960)

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,  
in words of youth and praises of the Spring,  
walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,  
and sing as sunlight fills the waking day;  
till angels, voyaging in upper air,  
pause on a wing and gather the clear sound  
into celestial joy, wound and unwound,  
a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,  
in words of music, and each word a truth;  
marriage of heart and longings that aspire,  
a bond of roses, and a ring of fire.  
Your summertime grows short and fades away,  
terror must gather to a martyr's death;  
but never tremble, the last indrawn breath  
remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries,  
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;  
lend us a fragment of the immortal air,  
that with your choiring angels we may share,  
a word to light us thro' time-fettered night,  
water of life, or rose of paradise,  
so from the earth another song shall rise  
to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

Words: Ursula Vaughan Williams (1911–2007)

Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

*All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS*

*All stand for the HYMN*

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CROSS OF JESUS

**Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free,  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Music: John Stainer (1840–1901)

**FINAL RESPONSES**

Marlow

*All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess;  
please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary*

**VOLUNTARY**

Allegro, from Symphonie No. 4, Op. 32

Vierne