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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 21 January 2024

*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

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*Trinity College*

Sonata No. 3 in d, BWV 527 (Bach)

Tierce en taille No. 6, from Premier Livre  
(Marchand)

Aria, from Symphony No. 1, Op. 36 (Laurin)

Final, from Symphony No. 4, Op. 32 (Vierne)

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

*The congregation stands when the choir and clergy enter the Chapel. The opening hymn will follow unannounced.*

HYMN NEH 49 (i)

WESSEX

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining,  
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:  
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.**

**Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,  
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?  
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favour secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,  
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;  
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

Music: Alwyn Surplice (1906–77)

*The minister reads*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me;

*All say, kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father;  
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways  
like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices  
and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
miserable offenders.  
Spare thou them, O God,  
which confess their faults.  
Restore thou them that are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared  
unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father,  
for his sake;  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous,  
and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

*The minister then says the ABSOLUTION*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**RESPONSES**

Martin

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.

*The congregation sits 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 alway 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 over-  
whelmed 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*

A reading from the Book of Psalms.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us,  
O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all  
the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off  
upon the sea:

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;  
being girded with power:

Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of  
their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

Psalm 65: 5–13

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Peterborough Canticles

Frances-Hoad

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, 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.

*All sit for the* **SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6: 26–33

*All stand for the* **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Peterborough Canticles

Frances-Hoad

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.

*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.

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.**

## 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

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE 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.



## THE 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.

*All sit for the ANTHEM*

Evergreen (2017)

Evergreen have its branches been,  
It is king of all the woodland scene;  
For Christ our King is born today!  
His reign shall never pass away.  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

Once the pride of the mountainside,  
Now cut down to grace our Christmastide;  
For Christ from heav'n to earth came down,  
To gain, thro' death, a nobler crown.  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

Every bough bears a burden now,  
They are gifts of love for us, we trow;  
For Christ is born, His love to show,  
And give good gifts to men below.  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

Twelve months o'er, we shall meet once more,  
Merry welcome singing, as of yore:  
For Christ now reigns, our Saviour dear,  
And gives us Christmas every year!  
*Hosanna in excelsis!*

Words: adapted from *Gather around the Christmas Tree*  
by the Revd John H. Hopkins (1820–91)  
Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

## THE ADDRESS

Life in Abundance

Lord Rees of Ludlow OM FRS

*Astronomer Royal & former Master of Trinity College*

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities  
none can once with thee compare;  
thou alone the Lord from heaven  
didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning  
was the star that told his birth;  
to the lands their God announcing,  
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided  
see the eastern kings appear;  
see them bend, their gifts to offer,  
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:  
incense doth the God disclose,  
gold a royal child proclaimeth,  
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness  
to the Gentile world displayed,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.**

Words: Prudentius, trans. Edward Caswall (1814–78)

Music: from Christian Friedrich Witt's 'Harmonica Sacra' (1715)

## **THE BLESSING**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

*Please remain quiet until the end of the  
organ voluntary*

## **VOLUNTARY**

Luttes, from *Trois Dances*

Alain

## THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

### Homestart Cambridgeshire

This local charity aims to help give every child the best possible start in life by supporting families. It trains volunteers to provide tailored practical and emotional support through weekly visits and runs support groups in Cambridge and Wisbech.

**[homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk](http://homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk)**

### GiveDirectly

GiveDirectly sends money directly to the world's poorest households, believing that people living in poverty deserve the dignity to choose for themselves how best to improve their lives – cash enables that choice. Individuals invest in what they need from school fees to irrigation, tin roofs to businesses that generate income. **[givedirectly.org](http://givedirectly.org)**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics and Fellow of St John's College Cambridge, will speak as part of our series Life in Abundance.

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS TERM

Friday 26 January

12.00 noon • Holocaust Memorial Day Observance

*A short sequence of readings, music and silence*

Friday 2 February

6.00pm • Sung Eucharist for Candlemas

Sunday 14 February • Ash Wednesday

12.00 noon • Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

9.00 pm • Sung Compline