



CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 2 May 2024

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

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Four Sea Interludes III. Moonlight Britten

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

The Evening-Watch (2015)

Farewell! I go to sleep; but when
The day-star springs, I'll wake again.
Go, sleep in peace; and when thou liest
Unnumber'd in thy dust, when all this frame
Is but one dram, and what thou now descries
In sev'ral parts shall want a name,
Then may his peace be with thee, and each dust
Writ in his book, who ne'er betray'd man's trust!
Amen! but hark, ere we two stray
How many hours dost think 'till day?
Ah go; th'art weak, and sleepy. Heav'n
Is a plain watch, and without figures winds
All ages up; who drew this circle, even
He fills it; days and hours are blinds.
Yet this take with thee. The last gasp of time
Is thy first breath, and man's eternal prime.

Words: Henry Vaughan (1621–95) Music: Piers Connor Kennedy

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

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.

All sit for PSALM 12

Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left:
for the faithful are minished from among the
children of men.

They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour:
they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in
their double heart.

The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips:
and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail:
we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?

Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy:
and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from
him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.

The words of the Lord are pure words:
even as the silver, which from the earth is tried,
and purified seven times in the fire.

Thou shalt keep them, O Lord:
thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.
The ungodly walk on every side: when they are
exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.
Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Exodus 3: 1–15
(NRSV p. 47)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Gloucester Service Howells

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

Mark 12: 18–27
(NRSV p. 46)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Gloucester Service Howells

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 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills
and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that
they may love the thing which thou commandest, and
desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the
sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts
may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

i am a little church

i am a little church (no great cathedral)
far from the splendor and squalor of hurrying cities
– i do not worry if briefer days grow briefest,
i am not sorry when sun and rain make april
my life is the life of the reaper and the sower;
my prayers are prayers of earth's own clumsily striving
(finding and losing and laughing and crying) children
whose any sadness or joy is my grief or my gladness
around me surges a miracle of unceasing
birth and glory and death and resurrection:
over my sleeping self float flaming symbols
of hope, and i wake to a perfect patience of mountains
i am a little church (far from the frantic
world with its rapture and anguish) at peace with nature
– i do not worry if longer nights grow longest;
i am not sorry when silence becomes singing
winter by spring, i lift my diminutive spire to
merciful Him Whose only now is forever:
standing erect in the deathless truth of His presence
(welcoming humbly His light and proudly His darkness)

Words: e.e. cummings (1894–1962)

Music: Libby Larsen

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 123

DUN ALUINN

**Walking in a garden
at the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him
when he heard God say:
'Why are you so frightened,
why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in,
made the flowers fade.**

**Walking in the garden
where the Lord had gone,
three of the disciples
Peter, James and John;
could not keep awake,
while the Lord was kneeling there,
praying for their sake.**

**Walking in a garden
at the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener
where the body lay;
but he turned towards her,
smiled at her and said:
'Mary, spring is here to stay,
only death is dead.'**

Words: Hilary Greenwood (1929–2003)

Music: Traditional Irish Melody, arr. Arthur Hutchings

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FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess.

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Cantabile

Franck