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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 16 February 2025

*The Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Johannes Skoog (Lilla Akademien, Stockholm)

Prelude and Fugue in e, 'The Wedge', BWV 548  
(Bach)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 664 (Bach)

Praeludium in e, 'The Great' (Bruhns)

*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 as the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.*

HYMN

NEH 419

TALLIS'S ORDINAL

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Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749), trans. John Chandler  
(1808–76)

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–85)

*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.

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 congregation sits for* PSALM 84

O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of  
hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the  
courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice  
in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the  
swallow a nest where she may lay her young :  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my  
God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be  
alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in  
whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a  
well : and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength : and unto  
the God of gods appeareth every one of them in  
Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O  
God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the  
face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my  
God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord  
will give grace and worship, and no good thing  
shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that  
putteth his trust in thee.

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 Genesis.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1: 1-5

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Second Service

Byrd

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 Saint John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1-5, 9-14

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

Second Service

Byrd

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

O Lord, we beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by thy goodness, for the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. 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*

### Laudibus in sanctis (1591)

Laudibus in sanctis Dominum celebrate  
supremum: firmamenta sonent inclita facta Dei;  
cantate sacraque potentis voce potestatem sæpe  
sonate manus.

Magnificum Domini cantet tuba martia nomen:  
perieria Domino concelebrate lira. Laude Dei  
resonent resonantia timpana summi, alta sacri  
resonent organa laude Dei. Hunc arguta canant  
tenui psalteria corda, hunc agili laudet laeta  
chorea pede. Concava divinas effundant cimbala  
laudes, cimbala dulcisona laude repleta Dei.

Omne quod æthereis in mundo vescitur auris  
Halleluia canat tempus in omne Deo.

*Glorify your Lord with highest praises: let the  
heavens resound with God's noble acts; sing of the  
holy things his power has achieved and clap your  
hands to celebrate his might.*

*Let the war-like trumpet sound the glorious name  
of the Lord: sing with the lyre of the muses. Let the  
drums and loud organs resound with the praise of  
almighty God. Let the thin strings of the clear-  
sounding psaltery play, let agile feet praise him in  
merry dances. Let the well-tuned cymbals pour  
forth divine praises, let the loud cymbals be full of  
the praise of God.*

*Let everything that lives in the world sing Alleluia  
to God for evermore.*

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 150  
Music: William Byrd (c. 1540–1623)

## THE ADDRESS

### **Faith, Hope and Poetry**

The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite, Poet, Author & Fellow  
of Girton College, Cambridge

*All stand for the* **HYMN**

NEH 336

ANGEL VOICES

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Words: Francis Pott (1832–1909)

Music: Edwin George Monk (1819–1900)

## **THE BLESSING**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

## **VOLUNTARY**

Prelude in Eb, BWV 552

Bach

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Colonel Richard Charrington of The Royal Lancers will speak on 'The Most Treasured Virtues: Carved in Stone' as part of our series Faith, Hope, Love.

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