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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 18 May 2025

*The Fourth Sunday after Easter*

# ORGAN MUSIC

## BEFORE EVENSONG

Giovanna Riboli (Badia Fiorentina, Florence)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662 (Bach)

Alleluja, Laudem dicite Deo nostro (Scheidemann)

Sonata No. 1 in f, Op. 65 (Mendelssohn)

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

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*The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.*

## HYMN

NEH 357

SUSSEX

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Words: Maria Willis (1824–1908)

Music: trad. English melody

adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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*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 Lord's name be praised.

*The congregation sits for* PSALM 93

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :  
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded  
himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure : that it  
cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been  
prepared : thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up  
their voice : the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :  
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is  
mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure : holiness  
becometh thine house 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.

*The FIRST LESSON is read*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy  
on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down from  
heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered  
the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

NRSV Isaiah 55: 6-11

*All stand for the MAGNIFICAT*

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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 Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

NRSV Romans 7: 15-25a

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

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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 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

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*

Geistliches Lied, Op. 30 (1856)

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauern mit Trauern,  
sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein  
Wille! Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen?  
Der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das  
Deine. Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel,  
steh feste, was Gott beschleußt, das ist und heißt  
das Beste.

*Let nothing make you sad or regretful, be still; as  
God wishes it, let your will accept it. Why worry  
today about sorrow tomorrow? There is one who  
watches over you and gives to you your part. In all  
your doings be steadfast, never waver; what God  
ordains will be, and is the best for you.*

Words: Paul Fleming (1609–40)

Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

**THE ADDRESS**

**The Revd Dana English, Assistant Priest  
United Benefice of Holland Park**

**Romans 7:24**

*Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from  
this body of death?*

*All stand for the* **HYMN**

NEH 436

PRAISE MY SOUL

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Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847)

Music: John Goss (1800–80)

## **THE BLESSING**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

## **VOLUNTARY**

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541

Bach

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Thursday 22 May

6.15 pm • Joint Evensong with St John's Choir

*Please join us here in Trinity Chapel for a service of Choral Evensong sung alongside The Choir of St John's College, Cambridge*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Anne Strauss, Chaplain, will speak on Galatians 3:28 as part of our series on Words from Paul. [www.trinitycollegechapel.com](http://www.trinitycollegechapel.com)

## CHAPLAIN'S EVENTS

*For details of all events and activities, please see the Chaplains' weekly email, and follow us on Facebook (Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge) and Instagram (@trincollchapel).*

## THIS TERM'S CHARITIES

### Concrete Rose

A local initiative offering additional support for those aged 16-23 who are at risk of homelessness, including care leavers, those estranged from family, unaccompanied asylum seekers, and young parents. Mentoring and supported lodgings are a couple of the ways Concrete Rose meets the needs of local young people.

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

### UNICEF Sudan Emergency Appeal

Children and families in Sudan need urgent protection and humanitarian aid. UNICEF is working for safe passage, protection, and access to services for children, families and their staff across the country during this time of armed violence.

**[www.unicef.org.uk/donate/sudan-appeal](http://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/sudan-appeal)**



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