

CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 20 May 2025

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

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VOLUNTARY

Plein Jeu (Psalm 65)

de Vries trans. Cox

INTROIT sung from the Ante-Chapel

A most wondrous tree (2025)

Listen! I will speak of the sweetest dream, what came to me in the middle of the night, when speech-bearers slept in their rest.

It seemed that I saw a most wondrous tree raised on high, wound round with light, the brightest of beams. All that beacon was covered in gold; gems stood fair at the earth's corners, and there were five up on the cross-beam. All the angels of the Lord looked on; fair through all eternity; that was no felon's gallows,

but holy spirits beheld him there, men over the earth and all this glorious creation.

> Words: anon. c. 8th-10th century trans. Roy Liuzza (b. 1958) Music: Sam Gray (b. 2002)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES Byrd

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.

All sit for PSALM 104: 1-10

Praise the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, thou art become exceeding glorious; thou art clothed with majesty and honour.

Thou deckest thyself with light as it were with a garment: and spreadest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: and maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He maketh his angels spirits : and his ministers a flaming fire.

He laid the foundations of the earth: that it never should move at any time.

Thou coveredst it with the deep like as with a garment: the waters stand in the hills.

At thy rebuke they flee : at the voice of thy thunder they are afraid.

They go up as high as the hills, and down to the valleys beneath: even unto the place which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set them their bounds which they shall not pass: neither turn again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the rivers : which run among the hills.

Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Deuteronomy 8: 1-10 (NRSV p. 158)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Short 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

Matthew 6: 19-end (NRSV p. 6)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Short 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sheppard

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 let us not be led into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, to thee be all honour and glory for evermore. Always so be it.

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 they. O Cod

but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

All sit for the ANTHEM

Sweetest of sweets (1977)

Sweetest of sweets, I thank you: when displeasure
Did through my bodie wound my minde,
You took me thence; and in your house of pleasure
A daintie lodging me assign'd.

Now I in you without a bodie move, Rising and falling with your wings: We both together sweetly live and love, Yet say sometimes, God help poore Kings.

Comfort, I'll die; for if you poste from me, Sure I shall do so, and much more: But if I travell in your companie, You know the way to heavens doore.

> Words: George Herbert (1593–1633) Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

All sit or kneel for the PRAYERS ending with

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 376 KINGSFOLD

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FINAL RESPONSES Marlow

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Master Tallis's Testament Howells