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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 25 May 2025

*The Fifth Sunday after Easter*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Harrison Cole (King's College)

Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 541 (Bach)

Sonata No. 5 in C, BWV 529, Largo (Bach)

Passacaglia and Fugue in c, BWV 582 (Bach)

*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 355

SONG 1

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Words: John Chadwick (1840–1904)  
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*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 119: 73-80

Thy hands have made me and fashioned me : O give  
me understanding, that I may learn thy  
commandments.

They that fear thee will be glad when they see me :  
because I have put my trust in thy word.

I know, O Lord, that thy judgements are right : and  
that thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to  
be troubled.

O let thy merciful kindness be my comfort :  
according to thy word unto thy servant.

O let thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may  
live : for thy law is my delight.

Let the proud be confounded, for they go wickedly  
about to destroy me : but I will be occupied in  
thy commandments.

Let such as fear thee, and have known thy  
testimonies : be turned unto me.

O let my heart be sound in thy statutes : that I be  
not ashamed.

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.

Thus says the Lord: “Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.”

Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.” For thus says the Lord: “To the eunuchs who keep my sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name which shall not be cut off.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”

RSV Isaiah 56: 1-8

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Service in g

Purcell

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 Saint Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

RSV Galatians 3: 23-29

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

Service in g

Purcell

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, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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*

### Cantate Domino

Cantate Domino canticum novum, cantate et benedicite nomini eius, quia mirabilia fecit. Cantate et exultate et psallite, psallite in cithara et voce psalmi, quia mirabilia fecit.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord and praise his name, for he hath done marvellous things. Make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise. Sing unto the Lord with the harp and the voice of a psalm, for he hath done marvellous things.*

Words: from Psalms 96 and 98  
Music: Claudio Monteverdi (1547–1643)

## THE ADDRESS

**The Revd Anne Strauss, Chaplain**

**Words from Paul: Galatians 3:28**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus*

*All stand for the* **HYMN**

NEH 205

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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Words: c. 7th C. Latin, trans. John Mason Neale (1818–66)

Music: adapted from Henry Purcell

## **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 C, BWV 545

Bach

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Ascension Day Eucharist • Thurs 29 May • 6 pm**

*Our usual Thursday Evensong is replaced with a Solemn Eucharist in celebration of the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord. Please note the earlier start time of 6 pm.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Alan Smith, First Estates Commissioner, will speak on Romans 2:24 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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