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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 12 October 2025

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Augustine Cox (Trinity College)

Improvisation on Psalm 7 (de Vries trans. Cox)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663 (Bach)

Introduction et variations, JA 69, from Suite pour orgue (Alain)

Trois Pièces, Op. 29 (Pierné)

- i. Prélude
- ii. Cantilène
- iii. Scherzando

*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 408 (i)

BLAENWERN

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Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88)

Music: William Rowlands (1860–1937)

*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 67*

God be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us  
the light of his countenance, and be merciful  
unto us:

That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving  
health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the  
people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt  
judge the folk righteously, and govern the  
nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people  
praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and  
God, even our own God, shall give us his  
blessing.

God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world  
shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father...

*The FIRST LESSON is read*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Samuel.

And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see; And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; That the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. And the Lord called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, neither was the word of the Lord yet revealed unto him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

*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 Gospel according to St Mark.

Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him. And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

Mark 1: 16-20, 2: 13-14

*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

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always  
prevent and follow us, and make us continually to  
be given to all good works; 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*

Faire is the heaven (1925)

Faire is the heaven where happy soules have place  
In full enjoyment of felicitie;  
Whence they doe still behold the glorious face  
Of the Divine, Eternall Majestie;  
Yet farre more faire be those bright Cherubins  
Which all with golden wings are over-dight,  
And those eternall burning Seraphins  
Which from their faces dart out fiery light;  
Yet fairer than they both and much more bright  
Be the Angels and Archangels which attend  
On God's owne person without rest or end.  
These then in faire each other farre excelling  
As to the highest they approach more neare,  
Yet is that highest farre beyond all telling  
Fairer than all the rest which there appeare.  
Though all their beauties joynd together were;  
How then can mortall tongue hope to expresse  
The image of such endless perfectnesse?

Words: Edmund Spenser (1553–99)

Music: William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

**THE ADDRESS**

**Living Well in the World: Following**

The Dean of Chapel



The Calling of Saint Matthew (1600)

*Caravaggio Merisi (1571–1610)*

*All stand for the* **HYMN**

NEH 413

NUN DANKET

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Words: Martin Rinkart (1586–1649),  
trans. Catherine Winkworth (1827–78)  
Music: melody from Johann Crüger's  
‘Praxis Pietatis Melica’ (c. 1647)  
harm. from Mendelssohn’s ‘Lobgesang’ (1840)

**THE BLESSING**

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Fugue, from Toccata, Chorale and Fugue, Op. 16

Jackson

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Dr Alexandra Clarke, Chaplain of St Bede's Inter-Church School, will speak on Suffering as part of our series 'Living Well in the World'.

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## CHAPLAIN'S EVENTS

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