



CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 30 October 2025

*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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and available to watch again. You may be identifiable as
in attendance at the service.*

VOLUNTARY

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen Brahms

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Almighty and everlasting God

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities,
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us:
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

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 150

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the
firmament of his power.
Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according to
his excellent greatness.
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him
upon the lute and harp.
Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him
upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise him
upon the loud cymbals.
Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Isaiah 35
(NRSV p. 608)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Short Service

Gibbons

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 11: 2-19
(NRSV p. 11)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Short Service

Gibbons

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...

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 God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to
please thee; Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in
all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

This is the record of John

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests
and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?
And he confessed, and denied not, and said plainly, I
am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou
Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou that Prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may
give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest
thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him
that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of
the Lord.

Words: John 1 vv. 19–23
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

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 355

SONG 1

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round
of circling planets singing on their way;
guide to the nations from the night profound
into the glory of the perfect day;
rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We are of thee, the children of thy love,
the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;
descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,
into our hearts, that we may be as one:
as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;
as one with him, our Brother and our Friend.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,
one in our love of all things sweet and fair,
one with the joy that breaketh into song,
one with the grief that trembleth into prayer,
one in the power that makes the children free
to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
our inspiration be thy constant word;
we ask no victories that are not thine:
give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
enough to know that we are serving thee.**

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

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

*All remain standing as the choir, clergy and Fellows recess;
please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary*

VOLUNTARY

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184

Buxtehude