



CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 18 November 2025

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

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VOLUNTARY

Pazienza, from Reflections Whitlock

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

I take thee (2020)

I take your body where love takes place
I take your mouth where my life takes shape
I take your breath which makes my space
I take you as you are for good
I take you with open arms to have
I take you to have and to hold
but not to hold too hard
I take you for farther for closer for sooner for later
till death tries to get us and we laugh and we stall
and we tell it to call some other fine day
because we are busy today taking our tea
with buttered hope and I take thee
I take thee.

Words: Imtiaz Dharker (b. 1954)
Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

RESPONSES

Leighton

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.

All sit 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

Habakkuk 3: 1-19a
(NRSV p. 800)

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

1 Corinthians 4: 9-16
(NRSV p. 159)

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...

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 beseech thee to keep thy household the Church
in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may
be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve
thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; 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

A Garland of Praise (2024)

O burning mountain,
O chosen sun,
O perfect moon,
O fathomless well,
O unattainable height,
O unattainable light,
O clearness beyond all measure,
O wisdom without end,
O mercy without all limit,
O strength beyond resistance,
O crown of all majesty,
All creation humbly sings your praise.

Words: Mechthild of Magdeburg (1212–1283)
Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

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

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STRENGTH AND STAY

**O Strength and Stay upholding all creation,
who ever dost thyself unmoved abide,
yet day by day the light in due gradation
from hour to hour through all its changes guide;**

**Grant to life's day a calm unclouded ending,
an eve untouched by shadows of decay,
the brightness of a holy death-bed blending
with dawning glories of the eternal day.**

**Hear us, O Father, gracious and forgiving,
through Jesus Christ thy co-eternal Word,
who, with the Holy Ghost, by all things living
now and to endless ages art adored. Amen.**

Words: St Ambrose (340–397)
tr. John Ellerton (1826–93) and Fenton J.A. Hort (1828–92)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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

VOLUNTARY

St Bride, assisted by Angels

Bingham