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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 2 November 2025

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Laura Schlappa

Prelude and Fugue in e, 'The Wedge', BWV 548 (Bach)

Tierce en taille, from Premier livre d'orgue (Du Mage)

Victimae paschali laudes (Tournemire)

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

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The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter the Chapel.

HYMN

NEH 393 MANNHEIM

Words: James Edmeston (1791–1867) Music: melody from Friedrich Filitz's 'Choralbuch' (1847) harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

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.

RESPONSES Rose

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 12 Hervey

- Help me, Lord, for there is not one godly man left: for the faithful are minished from among the children of men.
- They talk of vanity every one with his neighbour: they do but flatter with their lips, and dissemble in their double heart.
- The Lord shall root out all deceitful lips: and the tongue that speaketh proud things;
- Which have said, With our tongue will we prevail: we are they that ought to speak, who is lord over us?
- Now for the comfortless trouble's sake of the needy: and because of the deep sighing of the poor,
- I will up, saith the Lord: and will help every one from him that swelleth against him, and will set him at rest.
- The words of the Lord are pure words: even as the silver, which from the earth is tried, and purified seven times in the fire.
- Thou shalt keep them, O Lord: thou shalt preserve him from this generation for ever.
- The ungodly walk on every side: when they are exalted, the children of men are put to rebuke.
- 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 Song of Solomon.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of one's house, it would be utterly scorned.

NRSV Song of Solomon 8: 6-7

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Gloucester Service

Howells

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 first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

NRSV 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

Gloucester Service

Howells

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

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Our Father

All kneel

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. 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

Take him, earth, for cherishing (1964)

Take him, earth, for cherishing, To thy tender breast receive him. Body of a man I bring thee, Noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling, By the breath of God created. High the heart that here was beating, Christ the prince of all its living.

Guard him well, the dead I give thee, Not unmindful of His creature Shall He ask it: He who made it Symbol of His mystery.

Comes the hour God hath appointed To fulfil the hope of men, Then must thou, then must thou What I give, return again.

Not though ancient time decaying Wear away these bones to sand, Ashes that a man might measure In the hollow of his hand:

Not though wandering winds and idle Drifting through the empty sky Scatter dust was nerve and sinew, Is it given to man to die.

Once again the shining road Leads to ample Paradise; Open are the woods again, That the Serpent lost for men.

Take, O take him, mighty Leader, Take again thy servant's soul. Grave his name, and pour the fragrant Balm upon the icy stone.

Take him, earth, for cherishing, To thy tender breast receive him. Body of a man I bring thee, Noble even in its ruin. By the breath of God created. Christ the prince of all its living. Take him, earth, for cherishing.

> Words: Prudentius (348–c. 413) tr. Helen Waddell (1889–1965) Music: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

THE ADDRESS

Living Well in the World: Loving

The Revd Dr Sam Wells Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields

All stand for the HYMN

NEH 331 EVENTIDE

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) Music: William Henry Monk (1823–89)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess Please remain quiet until the end of the organ voluntary

VOLUNTARY

Passacaglia and Fugue in c, BWV 582 Bach

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 9 November 10.55 am • Act of Remembrance & Mattins with an address by The Dean of Chapel

6.15 pm • Sung Requiem Mass with members of the Britten Sinfonia – setting by Fauré

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Revd Anne Strauss, Chaplain, will speak on 'Remembering' as part of our series 'Living Well in the World'. www.trinitycollegechapel.com

CHAPLAIN'S EVENTS

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