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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 23 November 2025

*The Sunday Next before Advent*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Steven Grahl (Trinity College)

Fancy in Gamut Flatt (Gibbons)

Sonata No. 1 in Eb, BWV 525 (Bach)

Fantasia in d (Byrd)

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

HYMN

NEH 352

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne – the Infinite!  
who lives – and loves – and saves.**

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800–94)

Music: George Elvey (1816–93)

*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**

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.

*The congregation sits for PSALM 114* Willcocks

When Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of  
Jacob from among the strange people,  
Judah was his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.  
The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.  
The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills  
like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :  
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye  
little hills, like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord : at  
the presence of the God of Jacob;

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :  
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

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 first Book of 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**

Chichester Service

Walton

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 Matthew.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matthew 6: 5-15

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

Chichester Service

Walton

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

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; 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*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence (1925)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and stand with fear and trembling,  
lift itself above all earthly though.  
For the King of kings and Lord of lords,  
Christ our God,  
cometh forth to be our oblation,  
and to be given for Food to the faithful.

Before Him come the choirs of angels,  
with every principality and power;  
the Cherubim with many eyes,  
and winged Seraphim,  
who veil their faces  
as they shout exultingly the hymn,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Words: from the Liturgy of Saint James  
Music: Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

## THE ADDRESS

### **Living Well in the World: Praying**

The Right Revd Robert Atwell  
Former Bishop of Exeter

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One:**

Words: St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226), trans. William  
Draper (1855–1933)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

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## THE BLESSING

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

## VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the Magnificat, BWV 733

Bach

# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 30 November

6.15 pm • Advent Carol Service

*Ticketholders will be admitted from 5.30 pm.*

*Non-ticketholders will be admitted from 6.00 pm.*

*Doors close at 6.10 pm.*

Saturday 13 December

4.00 pm • Christingle with Carols

*An interactive service at which we make Christingles.*

*Suitable for families with children of all ages.*

Wednesday 24 December

3.30 pm • Crib Service

*A service for families with young children, at which*

*we hear the Christmas story and assemble the nativity scene.*

Thursday 25 December

9.00 am • Christmas Day Eucharist

*A traditional service of hymns, readings and Holy*

*Communion with a sermon by the Dean of Chapel.*

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