



CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 27 January 2026

*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

Les Mages

Messiaen

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

In the stillness of a church
Where candles glow,
In the softness of a fall
Of fresh white snow,
In the brightness of the stars
That shine this night,
In the calmness of a pool
Of healing light,
In the clearness of a choir
That softly sings,
In the oneness of a hush
Of angels' wings,
In the mildness of a night
By stable bare,
In the quietness of a lull
Near cradle fair,
There's a patience as we wait
For a new morn,
And the presence of a child
Soon to be born.

Words: Katrina Shepherd
Music: Sally Beamish (b. 1956)

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.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sit for PSALM 130

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord,
hear my voice.

O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my
complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done
amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be
feared.

I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his
word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning
watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is
mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Ezekiel 20: 39-44
(NRSV p. 721)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Second 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...

All sit for the SECOND LESSON

John 17: 20-end
(NRSV p. 107)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Second 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

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 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

Almighty God, which by the leading of a star

Almighty God, which by the leading of a star
did'st manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles:
Mercifully grant, that we, which know thee now by
faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy
glorious Godhead, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words: The Collect for Epiphany Sunday
Music: John Bull (c. 1562–1628)

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 48

STUTT GART

**Bethlehem, of noblest cities
none can once with thee compare;
thou alone the Lord from heaven
didst for us incarnate bear.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth;
to the lands their God announcing,
seen in fleshly form on earth.**

**By its lambent beauty guided
see the eastern kings appear;
see them bend, their gifts to offer,
gifts of incense, gold and myrrh.**

**Solemn things of mystic meaning:
incense doth the God disclose,
gold a royal child proclaimeth,
myrrh a future tomb foreshows.**

**Holy Jesu, in thy brightness
to the Gentile world displayed,
with the Father and the Spirit
endless praise to thee be paid. Amen.**

Words: Prudentius (348–410) trans. Edward Caswall (1814–78)
Music: from Christian Friedrich Witt's 'Harmonica Sacra' (1715)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia of four parts

Gibbons