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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 15 February 2026

*The Sunday Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Steven Grahl (Trinity College)

Fantasia and Fugue in g, 'The Great', BWV 542  
(Bach)

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662 (Bach)

Prelude and Fugue in D (Schmidt)

*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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webcast live and available to watch again. You  
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*The congregation stands as the choir and clergy enter  
the Chapel.*

## HYMN

NEH 349

NATIVITY

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus;'  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings more than we can give  
be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**Let all creation join in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748)

Music: Henry Lahee (1826–1912)

*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**

Shepherd

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 78: 1-8* Day

Hear my law, O my people : incline your ears unto  
the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable : I will declare  
hard sentences of old;

Which we have heard and known : and such as our  
fathers have told us;

That we should not hide them from the children of  
the generations to come : but to shew the honour  
of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works that  
he hath done.

He made a covenant with Jacob, and gave Israel a  
law : which he commanded our forefathers to  
teach their children;

That their posterity might know it : and the children  
which were yet unborn;

To the intent that when they came up : they might  
shew their children the same;

That they might put their trust in God : and not to forget the works of God, but to keep his commandments.

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 Book of Deuteronomy.

On that very day the LORD addressed Moses as follows: ‘Ascend this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, across from Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites for a possession; you shall die there on the mountain that you ascend and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; because both of you broke faith with me among the Israelites at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to maintain my holiness among the Israelites. Although you may view the land from a distance, you shall not enter it—the land that I am giving to the Israelites...’

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face

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 Saint John.

Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'Where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterwards.' Peter said to him, 'Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.' Jesus answered, 'Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times...'

So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, 'You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?' He said, 'I am not.' Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing round it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, 'I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.' When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, 'Is that how you answer the high priest?' Jesus answered, 'If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?' Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, 'You are not also one of his disciples, are you?' He denied it and said, 'I am not.' One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, 'Did I not see you in the garden with him?' Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

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

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings  
without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy  
Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent  
gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all  
virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted  
dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus  
Christ's sake. 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*

Jubilate Deo (2022)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands : serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God : it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting : and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

Words: Psalm 100

Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

## THE ADDRESS

**John 18: 16: 'But Peter stood at the door without'**

Meditations on the Passion in John

Dr Joshua Heath

*Junior Research Fellow, Trinity College*

*All stand for the HYMN*

NEH 357

SUSSEX

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures  
do we ask our way to be;  
but the steep and rugged pathway  
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters  
would we idly rest and stay;  
but would smite the living fountains  
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,  
in our wanderings be our guide;  
through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father, be thou at our side.**

Words: Maria Willis (1824–1908)

Music: trad. English melody

adapt. 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

Sonata No. 3 in A, Op. 65, i

Mendelssohn

## SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Monday 16 February**

**6.00 pm • Fisher House Mass**

*The Catholic Chaplaincy to the University celebrate  
Mass here in Chapel, followed by refreshments.*

**Wednesday 18 February • Ash Wednesday**

**12.00 noon • Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes**

*A short, spoken service to mark the beginning of Lent.*

**9.00 pm • Compline with Imposition of Ashes**

*The full College Choir sing Allegri's Miserere Mei,  
Deus, alongside music by Lassus and Palestrina.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Dr Marietta van der Tol, Assistant Research Professor at the Faculty of Divinity, will speak on John 18:37 ('Art thou a king?') as part of our series of Meditations on the Passion in John.

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## CHAPLAINS' EVENTS

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