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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 15 March 2026

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Pieter van Dijk (Grote Sint Laurenskerk, Alkmaar)

Praeludium in e, 'The Great' (Bruhns)

O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde gross, BWV 622  
(Bach)

Fugue in c, BWV 574 (Bach)

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig, BWV 656 (Bach)

*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  
may be identifiable as in attendance at the service.*

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

**HYMN**

NEH 294

SAFFRON WALDEN

**Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am (thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down),  
now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

**Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth  
and height to prove,  
here for a season then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)  
Music: Arthur Henry Brown (1830–1926)

*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**

Shephard

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.

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 the Prophet Isaiah.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53: 4–12

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Collegium Regale

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 Gospel according to Saint John.

The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced. And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

John 19: 31-42

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

Collegium Regale

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.**

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

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR LENT

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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*

Lord, let me know mine end (1918)

Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long; and mine age is as nothing in respect of thee, And verily, every man living is altogether vanity, For man walketh in a vain shadow and disquieteth himself in vain, he heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee. Deliver me from all mine offences and make me not a rebuke to the foolish. I became dumb and opened not my mouth for it was thy doing. Take thy plague away from me, I am even consumed by means of thy heavy hand.

When thou with rebukes does chasten man for sin thou makest his beauty to consume away like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man therefore is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thy ears consider my calling, hold not thy peace at my tears! For I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner as all my fathers were. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence and be no more seen.

Words: Psalm 39

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

## THE ADDRESS

**‘They laid Jesus there’ (John 19:42)**

The Revd Professor Oliver O’Donovan  
Professor Emeritus, University of Edinburgh

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.**

**To all life thou givest—  
to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish—  
but nought changeth thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.**

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

Music: Welsh melody, adapted John Roberts (1822–77)

## THE BLESSING

*All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess*

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

## VOLUNTARY

Kommt, ihr Tochter

Bach arr. Halim

# SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Friday 20 March

6.00 pm • Commemoration of Benefactors

*With an address given by Professor Hugh Hunt.*

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