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# CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 3 May 2026

*The Fourth Sunday after Easter*

# ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE EVENSONG

Thomas Simpson (Trinity College)

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 547 (Bach)

Master Tallis's Testament (Howells)

Jacquet's Ghost (Bingham)

i. Tombeau

ii. Labyrinthe

iii. Pastorelle somnambule

iv. Envoi

Paeon (Leighton)

*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 119

VICTORY

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung: Alleluya!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
and Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluya!**

**On the third morn he rose again,  
glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain: Alleluya!**

**He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluya!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluya!**

Words: 17th C. Latin trans. Francis Pott (1832–1909)

Music: adapt. from Palestrina  
by William Henry Monk (1823–89)

*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 18: 1-15**

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength; the Lord is my stony rock, and my defence : my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom I will trust, my buckler, the horn also of my salvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, which is worthy to be praised : so shall I be safe from mine enemies.

The sorrows of death compassed me : and the overflowings of ungodliness made me afraid.

The pains of hell came about me : the snares of death overtook me.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord : and complain unto my God.

So shall he hear my voice out of his holy temple : and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

The earth trembled and quaked : the very foundations also of the hills shook, and were removed, because he was wroth.

There went a smoke out in his presence : and a consuming fire out of his mouth, so that coals were kindled at it.

He bowed the heavens also, and came down : and it was dark under his feet.

He rode upon the cherubins, and did fly : he came flying upon the wings of the wind.

He made darkness his secret place : his pavilion round about him, with dark water and thick clouds to cover him.

At the brightness of his presence his clouds removed : hail-stones, and coals of fire.

The Lord also thundered out of heaven, and the Highest gave his thunder : hail-stones, and coals of fire.

He sent out his arrows, and scattered them : he cast forth lightnings, and destroyed them.

The springs of waters were seen, and the foundations of the round world were discovered, at thy chiding, O Lord : at the blasting of the breath of thy displeasure.

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.

Chants: Frederick Ouseley (1825–89)  
and John Goss (1800–80)

*The FIRST LESSON is read*

A reading from the Song of Songs.

My beloved speaks and says to me:  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;  
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.  
The flowers appear on the earth,  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.  
The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are  
in blossom; they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
O my dove, in the clefts of the rock,  
in the covert of the cliff, let me see your face,  
let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet,  
and your face is comely.

RSV Song of Songs 2: 10–14

*All stand for the MAGNIFICAT*

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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.



**St Francis in the Desert (c. 1475–80)**  
Giovanni Bellini (c. 1424–1516)



*All sit for the* **SECOND LESSON**

The Canticle of the Sun, by Saint Francis of Assisi.

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessing; To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name. Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through which You give sustenance to Your creatures. Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste. Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruit with coloured flowers and herbs. Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by you, Most High, shall they be crowned. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin. Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm. Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.

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

Magdalen Service

Leighton

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 Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; 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*

God's Grandeur (1959)

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.  
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon His  
rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared  
with toil;  
And bears man's smudge and shares man's smell:  
the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.  
And for all this, nature is never spent;  
There lives the dearest freshness deep down  
things;  
And though the last lights from the black west  
went,  
Oh, morning at the brown brink eastwards,  
springs -  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast, and with, ah,  
bright wings.

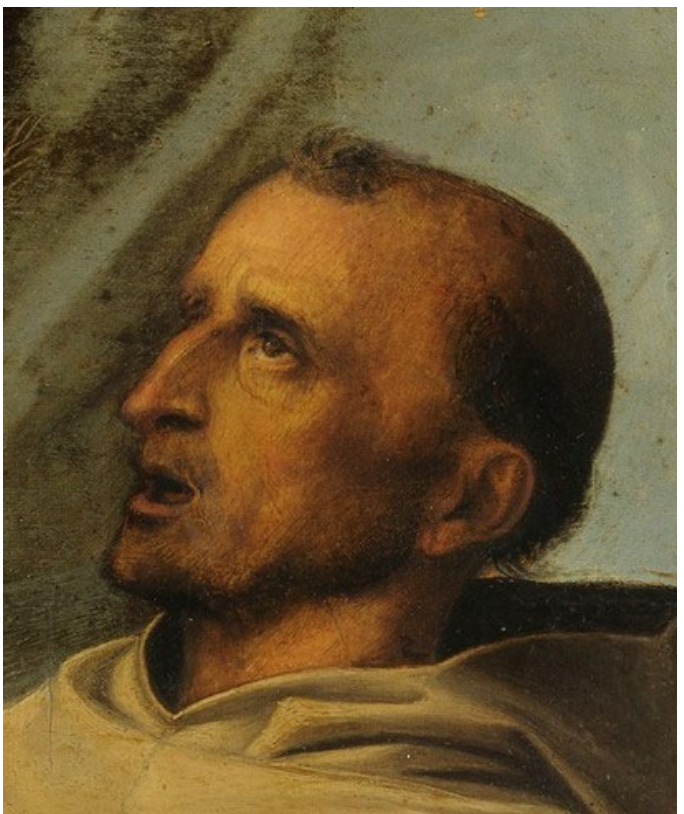
Words: Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844–89)

Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929–88)

**THE ADDRESS**

**Visions of God: St Francis in the Desert by Bellini**

The Dean of Chapel



**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

**Allegro maestoso, from Symphonie No. 3** Vierne

## NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

The Revd Andrew Hurst, Assistant Priest at St Mark's, Newnham & St Andrew's, Grantchester, will speak on 'Habakkuk: God missing in action?' as part of our series on 'Visions of God'.

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