



CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 7 May 2026

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong sung by The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge.

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Sonata No. 1 in Eb, BWV 525, ii Adagio Bach

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Surrexit pastor bonus (1572)

Surrexit pastor bonus qui animam suam posuit
pro ovibus suis et pro grege suo mori dignatus est.
Alleluia.

*The good shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep,
has risen, and he did not disdain to die for his flock.*
Alleluia.

Words: Responsory for Mattins on Easter Monday
Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1548–1611)

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.

All sit for PSALM 37: 1-10

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be
thou envious against the evil-doers.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be
withered even as the green herb.

Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good :
dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy
heart's desire.

Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in
him : and he shall bring it to pass.

He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light :
and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon
him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth
prosper, against the man that doeth after evil
counsels.

Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not
thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that
patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the
land.

Yet a little while, and the ungodly shall be clean gone :
thou shalt look after his place, and he shall be
away.

Glory be to the Father...

The FIRST LESSON is read

Exodus 3: 1-15
(NRSV pp. 47-8)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Short 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

Mark 12: 18-27
(NRSV p. 47)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Short 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...

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

Christ rising again (1589)

Christ rising again from the dead now dieth not,
death from henceforth hath no power upon him. For
in that he died, he died but once to put away sin, but
in that he liveth, he liveth unto God in Christ Jesus
our Lord.

Christ is risen again, the first fruits of them that sleep.
Foreseeing that by man came death, by man also
cometh the resurrection of the dead. For as by Adam
all men do die, so by Christ all men shall be restored
to life. Amen.

Words: Romans 6 vv. 9-11; 1 Corinthians 15 vv. 20-22
Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)

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

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MACH'S MIT MIR GOTT

**Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise,
that best and greatest shinest;
lady and queen and day of days,
of things divine, divinest!
On thee our praises Christ adore
for ever and for evermore.**

**Come, let us taste the Vine's new fruit,
for heavenly joy preparing;
today the branches with the Root
in Resurrection sharing:
whom as true God our hymns adore
for ever and for evermore.**

**Rise, Sion, rise! and looking forth,
behold thy children round thee!
From east and west, from south and north,
thy scattered sons have found thee;
and in thy bosom Christ adore
for ever and for evermore.**

**O Father, O co-equal Son,
O co-eternal Spirit,
in persons Three, in Godhead One,
and One in power and merit;
in thee baptized, we thee adore
for ever and for evermore. Amen.**

Words: St John of Damascus (c. 676-749)
Music: melody pub. Johann Hermann Schein (1586-1630)
harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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Prelude in C, BWV 545i

Bach