



CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 14 May 2026

Ascension Day

*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

Adagio, from Symphonie No. 3, Op. 28 Vierne

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Scattered Leaves (2026)

When one man dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; God's hand is in every translation, and his hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another.

Words: John Donne (1571–1631)
Music: Thomas Simpson (b. 2005)

All stand when the choir and clergy enter

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.

All sit for PSALM 73: 1-14

Truly God is loving unto Israel : even unto such as are
of a clean heart.
Nevertheless, my feet were almost gone : my treadings
had well-nigh slipt.
And why? I was grieved at the wicked : I do also see
the ungodly in such prosperity.
For they are in no peril of death : but are lusty and
strong.

They come in no misfortune like other folk : neither
are they plagued like other men.
And this is the cause that they are so holden with
pride : and overwhelmed with cruelty.
Their eyes swell with fatness : and they do even what
they lust.
They corrupt other, and speak of wicked blasphemy :
their talking is against the most High.
For they stretch forth their mouth unto the heaven :
and their tongue goeth through the world.
Therefore fall the people unto them : and thereout
suck they no small advantage.
Tush, say they, how should God perceive it : is there
knowledge in the most High?
Lo, these are the ungodly, these prosper in the world,
and these have riches in possession : and I said,
Then have I cleansed my heart in vain, and washed
mine hands in innocency.
All the day long have I been punished : and chastened
every morning.
Yea, and I had almost said even as they : but lo, then I
should have condemned the generation of thy
children.
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

2 Kings 2: 1–15
(NRSV p. 316)

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Chichester Service

Walton

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

Revelation 5
(NRSV p. 237)

All stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS

Chichester Service

Walton

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

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

All sit for the ANTHEM

God is gone up (1951)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly,
In flakes of Glory down him to attend;
And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody
Surround his Chariot as it did ascend:
Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish, as they this tune sing.

Words: Edward Taylor (c. 1642–1729)

Music: Gerald Finzi (1901–56)

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 130 (i)

LLANFAIR

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!
glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya!
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya!
take the King of glory in. Alleluya!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya!
seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!
partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya!
there thy face unclouded see, Alleluya!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779–1823)

Music: Robert Williams of Anglesey (1781–1821)

FINAL RESPONSES

Marlow

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Ropek