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CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 31 May 2026

Trinity Sunday

ORGAN MUSIC

BEFORE EVENSONG

Daniel Colaner (2024 Northern Ireland
International Organ Competition Laureate)

Gigue (Fugue in G), BWV 577 (Bach)

Fantasia and Fugue in g, BWV 542 (Bach)

Sonata No. 5 in C, BWV 529, Allegro – Largo –
Allegro (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 145

ILLSLEY

**All hail, adorèd Trinity;
all hail, eternal Unity;
O God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever One.**

**Three Persons praise we evermore,
one only God our hearts adore;
in thy sweet mercy ever kind
may we our sure protection find.**

**O Trinity, O Unity,
be present as we worship thee;
and with the songs that angels sing
unite the hymns of praise we bring.**

Words: c. 10th C. Latin, trans. John Chambers (1805–93)

Music: John Bishop (c. 1665–1737)

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

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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 congregation sits for PSALM 150 Stanford

O praise God in his holiness : praise him in the
firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts : praise him according
to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : praise him
upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances : praise him
upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise
him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.
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 Genesis.

And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetcht a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

Genesis 18: 1-8

All stand for the MAGNIFICAT

Service in a

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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.

But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 16: 5–15

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Double Choir

Holst

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

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity; we beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. 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

A Psalm for Chichester (2025)

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Words: Psalm 90: 1-4, 10, 12 & 17
Music: Joanna Marsh (b. 1970)

THE ADDRESS

Visions of God: The Trinity

The Very Revd Professor David Fergusson FBA
Regius Professor of Divinity
University of Cambridge



**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to
thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the
glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before
thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide
thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may
not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth,
and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Words: Reginald Heber (1783–1826)
Music: John Bacchus Dykes (1823–76)

THE BLESSING

All remain standing as the choir and clergy recess

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

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in E \flat , 'St Anne', BWV 552 Bach

Picture opposite:

The Trinity (c. 1411)

Andrei Rublev (c. 1360 – c. 1430)

SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

Thursday 4 June

6.15 pm • Sung Eucharist for Corpus Christi

The College Choir will sing the Missa pro Victoria by Victoria. Incense will be used at this service.

NEXT SUNDAY'S PREACHER

Professor Ben Quash, Professor of Christianity and the Arts at King's College, London, will speak on the topic 'God in Ordinary: A Doxological Empiricism' as part of our series on 'Visions of God.'

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CHAPLAINS' EVENTS

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