TRINITY COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

# CHORAL EVENSONG

Tuesday 27 October 2026

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

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**VOLUNTARY**

Air and Gavotte — Wesley

**INTROIT** *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Ave Virgo sanctissima (1566)

Ave Virgo sanctissima, Dei Mater piissima,
maris stella clarissima.
Salve semper gloriosa, margarita pretiosa,
sicut lilium formosa, nitens, olens velut rosa.

*Hail, most holy Virgin, most pious Mother of God,*
*bright star of the sea.*
*Hail, ever glorious one, precious pearl,*
*beautiful as the lily, shining and fragrant like the rose.*

Words: Antiphon for the Nativity of St John the Baptist
Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528–99)

*All stand when the choir and clergy enter*

**RESPONSES** — Smith

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 130**

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : O Lord, who may abide it?
For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.
My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.
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* — 1 Samuel 4: 12, 16-end (NRSV p. 235–36)

*All stand for the* **MAGNIFICAT**

Magnificat a 8 — Marenzio

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** — Luke 1: 57-end (NRSV p. 55)

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

Tertii Toni — Victoria

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, 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, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; 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**

In spiritu humilitatis (1620)

In spiritu humilitatis et in animo contrito,
suscipiamur a te Domini:
et sic fiat sacrificium nostrum in conspectu tuo hodie,
ut placeat tibi Domine Deus.

*In a humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted to thee, O Lord:*
*so let our sacrifice be made in thy sight this day,*
*that it may please thee, O Lord God.*

Words: Offertory prayer based on Daniel 3: 39–40
Music: Giovanni Croce (c. 1557–1609)

*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 355 SONG 1

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round**
**of circling planets singing on their way;**
**guide to the nations from the night profound**
**into the glory of the perfect day;**
**rule in our hearts, that we may ever be**
**guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.**

**We are of thee, the children of thy love,**
**the brothers of thy well-belovèd Son;**
**descend, O Holy Spirit, like a dove,**
**into our hearts, that we may be as one:**
**as one with thee, to whom we ever tend;**
**as one with him, our Brother and our Friend.**

**We would be one in hatred of all wrong,**
**one in our love of all things sweet and fair,**
**one with the joy that breaketh into song,**
**one with the grief that trembleth into prayer,**
**one in the power that makes the children free**
**to follow truth, and thus to follow thee.**

**O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,**
**thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;**
**our inspiration be thy constant word;**
**we ask no victories that are not thine:**
**give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;**
**enough to know that we are serving thee.**

Words: John Chadwick (1840–1904)
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

**FINAL RESPONSES** Marlow

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

**VOLUNTARY**

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 663 Bach