CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 29 October 2026

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

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VOLUNTARY

L'hymne de la feste de Tous les Saints,
'Christe redemptor omnium' Nivers

INTROIT *sung from the Ante-Chapel*

Omnes gentes, plaudite manibus

Omnes gentes, plaudite minibus: jubilate Deo in voce exsultationis: Quoniam Dominus excelsus, terribilis: rex magnus super omnem terram. Subjecit populos nobis: et gentes sub pedibus nostris. Elegit nobis haereditatem suam: speciem Jacob quam dilexit.

Ascendit Deus in jubilo: et Dominus in voce tubae. Psallite Deo nostro, psallite: psallite regi nostro, psallite: Quoniam rex omnis terrae Deus: psallite sapienter. Regnavit Deus super gentes: Deus sedet super sedem sanctam suam. Principes populorum congregati sunt cum Deo Abraham: Quoniam Dii fortes terrae vehementer elevati sunt.

O clap your hands together, all ye people : O Sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared : he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us : and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us : even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God : O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth : sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen : God sitteth upon his holy seat. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham: for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Words: from Psalm 47
Music: Christopher Tye (c. 1505–c. 1573)

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 143**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire : hearken unto me for thy truth and righteousness' sake.
And enter not into judgement with thy servant : for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground : he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.
Therefore is my spirit vexed within me : and my heart within me is desolate.
Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all thy works : yea, I exercise myself in the works of thy hands.
I stretch forth my hands unto thee : my soul gaspeth unto thee as a thirsty land.
Hear me, O Lord, and that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint : hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
O let me hear thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in thee is my trust : shew thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto thee.
Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies : for I flee unto thee to hide me.
Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth thee, for thou art my God : let thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.
Quicken me, O Lord, for thy Name's sake : and for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
And of thy goodness slay mine enemies : and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am thy servant.
Glory be to the Father…

The **FIRST LESSON** *is read* Isaiah 35: 1-8
(NRSV p. 608)

All stand for the **MAGNIFICAT**

Service in e Purcell

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** Matthew 11: 2-15
(NRSV p. 11)

All stand for the **NUNC DIMITTIS**

Service in e Purcell

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 COLLECTS

All sit for the **ANTHEM**

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God,
that like as we do believe thine only begotten Son our Lord to have ascended into heaven,
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,
world without end. Amen.

Words: Collect for Ascension Day
Music: Robert Ramsey (c. 1590–1644)

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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Thou art the Way: by thee alone
from sin and death we flee;
and he who would the Father seek
must seek him, Lord, by thee.

Thou art the Truth: thy word alone
true wisdom can impart;
thou only canst inform the mind
and purify the heart.

Thou art the Life: the rending tomb
proclaims thy conquering arm;
and those who put their trust in thee
nor death nor hell shall harm.

Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life:
grant us that Way to know,
that Truth to keep, that Life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Words: George Doane (1799–1859)
Music: Raphael Courteville (d. 1772)

FINAL RESPONSES Marlow

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

VOLUNTARY

Fantasia of four parts Gibbons