

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Festal Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR



IN THANKSGIVING FOR ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS

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CHRIST CHURCH  
NEW HAVEN

Yale Consort is a newly formed professional vocal ensemble conducted by Professor James O'Donnell and sponsored by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. It provides high quality choral music through a series of evening services in local parishes and chapels. The centuries-old tradition of Choral Evensong encourages quiet contemplation through hymns, psalms, canticles, prayer, and reflection.

This is the final Evensong for spring 2024, and we will resume in September.

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The Office of Evensong presented this evening is in accordance with the  
Book of Common Prayer (1662) and (1979)

ORGAN PRELUDES

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 664  
Psalm Prelude Set I, No. 2, Op.32

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)  
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*“But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.”*  
(Psalm 37, v.11)

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea,  
alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:  
let us be glad and rejoice therein.*  
*Alleluia.*

*Words: Psalm 118:24*  
*Music: William Byrd (1543-1623)*

*The Officiant says a sentence of Scripture*

*All remain standing as the Officiant and the Choir sing the Preces*

V O Lord, open thou our lips.                      R And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
V O God, make speed to save us.                  R O Lord, make haste to help us.  
V Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
R As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
V Praise ye the Lord.                                  R The Lord's name be prais'd.

*Bernard Rose (1916-1996)*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 96*

O sing unto the Lord a new song;  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name;  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his honor unto the heathen,  
and his wonders unto all people.  
For the Lord is great, and cannot worthily be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols;  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.

Glory and worship are before him;  
power and honor are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto the Lord,  
O ye kindreds of the peoples,  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.  
Ascribe unto the Lord the honor  
due unto his Name;  
bring presents, and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Tell it out among the heathen, that the Lord is King,  
and that it is he who hath made the round world so  
fast that it cannot be moved;  
and how that he shall judge the peoples righteously.  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it;  
then shall all the trees of the wood  
rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth;  
and with righteousness to judge the world,  
and the peoples with his truth.

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.

*Samuel Wesley (1766-1837)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Zephaniah 3:14-20)*

*All stand. The Choir sings Magnificat (Song of Mary, Luke 1:39-56)*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,  
for he hath regarded the lowliness of his  
hand-maiden.

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.

*Magdalen College Service  
Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Romans 15:1-13)*

*All stand. The Choir sings Nunc dimittis (Song of Simeon, Luke 1:39-56)*

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.

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*All sing together 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 catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Officiant and Choir sing the Responses*

V The Lord be with you.  
R And with thy spirit.  
V Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit*

V Lord, have mercy upon us.  
R Christ, have mercy upon us.  
V 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.

V O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.	R And grant us thy salvation.
V O Lord, save the State.	R And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
V Endue thy ministers with righteousness.	R And make thy chosen people joyful.
V O Lord, save thy people.	R And bless thine inheritance.

V Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.

V O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Collect of the day, for peace, and for aid against all perils*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Savior. Amen.

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 Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

V The Lord be with you.

R And with thy Spirit.

V Let us bless the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

*Bernard Rose*

*All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem*

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

Triumphant in His glory now  
To Him all power is given;  
To Him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.

For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake th'imprison'd dead.

While we, His soldiers, praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within His palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

Devouring depths of hell  
Their prey at His command restore;  
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluia, Amen.

*Words: Robert Campbell (from St. Fulbert)  
Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*All kneel as the Officiant offers prayers for the church and for the world*

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 to sing **Hymn 625**. The hymn may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 at your seat*

*Sermon by The Revd. Dr. Teresa Morgan*

*McDonald Agape Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Yale Divinity School  
Priest Affiliate, Christ Church New Haven*

*All stand to sing **Hymn 390***

*The Dismissal*

V Let us bless the Lord.

R **Thanks be to God.**

*All remain standing as the Choir and ministers depart*

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Dankpsalm (Sieben Stücke, Op. 145)

*Max Reger (1873-1916)*

All are invited to remain seated until the conclusion of the organ voluntary

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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