# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

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OCTOBER 1, 2024 5:30 PM CHRIST CHURCH NEW HAVEN Yale Consort is a professional vocal ensemble sponsored by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. It is conducted by Professor James O'Donnell and provides high-quality choral music in partnership with Yale School of Music and Yale Divinity students through weekly term-time evening services in local parishes and chapels.

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

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

Verset pour la Fête de la Dédicace

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

#### All stand as the Choir and ministers enter

The Choir sings the Introit

Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in lætitia. Intrate in conspectu eius in exsultatione, quia Dominus ipse est Deus. O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. For the Lord he is God.

> Words: Psalm 99:2-3a Music: Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

### 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 praised.

William Smith (1603-1645)

# All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 95

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth; and the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it; and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is the Lord our God; \* and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts as in the provocation, \* and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works.

Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways:

Unto whom I sware in my wrath, that they should not enter into my rest.

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.

Alan Gray (1855-19)

All remain seated for the First Lesson (Job 39:1-18)

# 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.

> William Byrd (1540-1623) Second Service

All sit for the Second Lesson (Luke 12:13-21)

# 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.

> William Byrd Second Service

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.

V O Lord, save the State.

V Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

V O Lord, save thy people.

R And grant us thy salvation.

R And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

R And make thy chosen people joyful.

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, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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.

William Smith

All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini. Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.

Words: Psalm 119:1

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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

#### The Dismissal

- V Let us bless the Lord.
- R Thanks be to God.

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 526: Let saints on earth in concert sing (Dundee)

The hymn may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 at your seat

All remain standing as the Choir and ministers depart

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

"Con moto maestoso" from Sonata in A major, op. 65 no. 3

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

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