

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

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CHRIST CHURCH

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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

Prelude on *Slane*

*Craig Phillips (b. 1961)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee  
With sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see,  
And in Thy presence rest.

*Words: Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*  
*Music: Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*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.

*Matthew Martin (b. 1976)*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalms 125,126*

Ps. 125

They that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as  
the mount Sion, \* which may not be removed, but  
standeth fast for ever.  
The hills stand about Jerusalem; \* even so standeth the  
Lord round about his people, from this time forth  
for evermore.  
For the sceptre of the ungodly shall not abide upon the  
lot of the righteous; \* lest the righteous put their  
hand unto wickedness.  
Do well, O Lord, unto those that are good and  
true of heart.  
As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness,  
the LORD shall lead them forth with the evil doers;  
but peace shall be upon 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.

*Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

Ps. 126

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, \*  
then were we like unto them that dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with joy.  
Then said they among the heathen,  
The Lord hath done great things for them.  
Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already;  
whereof we rejoice.  
Turn our captivity, O Lord,  
as the rivers in the south.  
They that sow in tears \* shall reap in joy.  
He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth  
forth good seed, \* shall doubtless come again  
with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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.

*Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Micah 1:1-9)*

*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.

*Herbert Howells (1852-1988)*  
*Gloucester Service*

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Luke 7:1-17)*

*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.

*Herbert Howells  
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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*

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son 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.

*Matthew Martin*

*All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem*

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening  
into the house and gate of Heaven,  
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,  
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,  
but one equal light; no noise nor silence,  
but one equal music; no fears nor hopes,  
but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings,  
but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy glory  
and dominion, world without end.

Amen

*Words: John Donne (1572-1631)*  
*Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)*

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

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 665: All my hope on God is founded (Michael)***

*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

Fugue on "Jesu, dulcis memoria"

*Pamela Decker (b. 1955)*

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

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