

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

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CHRIST CHURCH

NEW HAVEN



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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

Master Tallis' Testament

*Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

Rejoice in the Lord always,  
and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your softness be known unto all men:  
the Lord is at hand.  
Be careful for nothing:  
but in all prayer and supplication,  
let your petitions be manifest unto God  
with giving of thanks.

And the peace of God,  
which passeth all understanding,  
shall keep your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesu. Amen.

*Words: Philippians 4:4-7*

*Music: Anon, attr. John Redford (1500-1547)*

*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.

*Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 39*

I said, I will take heed to my ways,  
that I offend not in my tongue.  
I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle,  
while the ungodly is in my sight.  
I held my tongue, and spake nothing:  
I kept silence, yea, even from good words;  
but it was pain and grief to me.  
My heart was hot within me: and while I was thus  
musing the fire kindled,  
and at the last I spake with my tongue:  
Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days:  
that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span  
long, and mine age is even as nothing in  
respect of thee;  
and verily every man living is altogether vanity.  
For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth  
himself in vain;  
he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall  
gather them.  
And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
truly my hope is even in thee.  
Deliver me from all mine offences;  
and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth;  
for it was thy doing.  
Take thy plague away from me:  
I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.  
When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou  
makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a  
moth fretting a garment:  
every man therefore is but vanity.  
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and with thine ears  
Consider my calling;  
hold not thy peace at my tears;

For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner,  
as all my fathers were.  
O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength,  
before I go hence, and be no more seen.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*James Turle (1802-1882)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Isaiah 44:9-20)*

*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.

*Herbert Howells*  
St. Paul's Service

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Mark 3:19b-35)*

*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*  
St. Paul's 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.	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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for 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.

*Music: Thomas Tomkins*

*All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem*

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens  
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen,  
quod est super omne nomen.

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
even to the death, death on the cross.  
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name  
which is above all names.*

*Words: Philippians 2:8-9  
Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)*

*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 535: Ye servants of God (Paderborn)***

*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

Rhapsody in C Sharp Minor

*Herbert Howells*

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

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