

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR

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5:30 PM

TRINITY CHURCH ON THE GREEN

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

Sonata No.2, op. 65  
*Grave; Adagio*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,  
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.  
He brought me to the banqueting house,  
And His banner over me was love.

*Words: Song of Solomon 2: 3,4*  
*Music: E.C. Bairstow (1874-1946)*

*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: William Byrd (1540-1623)*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 16*

Preserve me, O God;  
for in thee have I put my trust.  
O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord,  
Thou art my God; my goods are nothing unto thee.  
All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth,  
and upon such as excel in virtue.  
But they that run after another god  
shall have great trouble.  
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,  
neither make mention of their names within my lips.  
The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance,  
and of my cup; \* thou shalt maintain my lot.  
The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground;  
yea, I have a goodly heritage.  
I will thank the Lord for giving me warning;  
my reins also chasten me in the night season.

I have set the Lord always before me;  
for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.  
Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:  
my flesh also shall rest in hope.  
For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;  
neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One  
to see corruption.  
Thou shalt show me the path of life: in thy presence  
is the fulness of joy, \* and at thy right hand there  
is pleasure forever more.  
  
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.

*Frederick Ouseley (1825-1889)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Isaiah 59:1-15a)*

*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.

*Charles Wood (1866-1926) in E flat, No. 2*

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Mark 9:42-50)*

*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.

*Charles Wood (1866-1926) in E flat, No. 2*

*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*

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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: William Byrd*

*All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem*

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a wingèd sentry  
All skilful in the wars:

There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,  
And One born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files.

He is thy gracious Friend,  
And—O my soul, awake!—  
Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.

If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flower of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress, and thy ease.

Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
For none can thee secure  
But One who never changes—  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*Words: Henry Vaughan (1621-1695)*

*Music: Hubert Parry (1848-1918)*

*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 379: God is Love (Abbot's Leigh)***

*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

Sonata No.2, op. 65

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

*Allegro maestoso e vivace; Allegro moderato*

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

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Music of Tallis and Gibbons Second Service

Feb 25 Latin Vespers – St. Mary's Church

Music of Palestrina *Magnificat primi toni* á 8

Mar 4 Evensong – Christ Church

Music of Batten, Stanford in Bb, Panufnik

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Music of Parsons, Hassler *Missa Dixit Maria*

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