

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR

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5:30 PM

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

“Wir glauben all’ an einen Gott, Vater”

*Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever;  
E'en the Spirit of truth.

*Words: John 14:15-17*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

*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: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

*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 shew 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 heart 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 swear 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 (1855-1935)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Isaiah 63:7-14)*

*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.

*Orlando Gibbons Second Evening Service*

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Mark 11:12-26)*

*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.

*Orlando Gibbons Second Evening 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*

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in thee: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without thee, give us the help of thy grace, that in keeping thy commandments we may please thee both in will and deed; 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.

*Music: John Barnard (fl. 1625–1649)*

*All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem*

See, the Word is incarnate;  
God is made man in the womb of a Virgin.  
Shepherds rejoice, wise men adore and angels sing  
'Glory be to God on high: peace on earth, good will  
towards men.

The law is cancelled, Jews and Gentiles converted  
by the preaching of glad tidings of salvation.  
The blind have sight and cripples have their motion;  
diseases cured, the dead are raised,  
and miracles are wrought.  
Let us welcome such a guest with Hosanna.

The Paschal Lamb is offered,  
Christ Jesus made a sacrifice for sin.  
The earth quakes, the sun is darkened, the powers of  
hell are shaken;  
and lo, he is risen up in victory.  
Sing Halleluia.

See, O see the fresh wounds, the gored blood,  
the prick of thorns, the print of nails.  
And in the sight of multitudes a glorious ascension.

Where now he sits on God's right hand  
where all the choir of heaven all jointly sing:  
Glory be to the Lamb that sitteth on the throne.  
Let us continue our wonted note with Hosanna:

Blessed be He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;  
with Halleluia, we triumph in victory,  
the serpent's head is bruised,  
Christ's kingdom exalted,  
and heaven laid open to sinners.  
Amen.

*Words: Bishop Godfrey Goodman (1582/3-1656)*

*Music: Orlando Gibbons*

*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 617: Eternal Ruler (Song 1)***

*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

Praeludium in G major

*Nicolaus Bruhns (1685-1697)*

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

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Music of Parsons, Hassler *Missa Dixit Maria*

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