

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

Festal 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

Cantabile *from* Sonata no. 2 'O Filii et Filiae'

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1823-1881)

All stand as the Choir and ministers enter

The Choir sings the Introit

Terra tremuit et quievit,
Dum exsurget in Judicio Deus.

*The earth trembled and became still again,
When God arose in judgment.*

Alleluia.

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*Words: Offertory for Easter
Music: William Byrd (1540-1623)*

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 Smith (1603-1645)

All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 11

In the Lord put I my trust;
how say ye then to my soul,
that she should flee as a bird unto the hill?
For lo, the ungodly bend their bow,
and make ready their arrows within the quiver,
that they may privily shoot at them which are
true of heart.
For the foundations will be cast down,
And what hath the righteous done?
The Lord is in his holy temple;
the Lord's seat is in heaven.
His eyes consider the poor,
and his eyelids try the children of men.

The Lord alloweth the righteous:
but the ungodly, and him that delighteth in
wickedness, doth his soul abhor.
Upon the ungodly he shall rain snares,
fire and brimstone, storm and tempest:
this shall be their portion to drink.
For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness;
his countenance will behold the thing that is just.

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.

Robert Cooke (1768-1814)

All remain seated for the First Lesson (Daniel 2:1-16)

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 Murrill (1909-1952) in E

All sit for the Second Lesson (John 17:12-19)

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 Murrill in E

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 in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same 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: William Smith

All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
with him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
pleasant and long;
Or since all musick is but three parts vied
and multiplied.
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
with all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is the best to celebrate this most high day.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Edmund Milly, baritone soloist

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

V Let us bless the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

R **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

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 191: Alleluia (Lux eoi)***

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

Christ ist erstanden, BWV 627

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Yale Consort

James O'Donnell, conductor

Anne Maria Lim M.M. '25, organist


The Rev. Charles Martin, S.T.M. '25, Officiant

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