YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

## YALE CONSORT

### JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
5:30 PM
CHRIST CHURCH
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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**Please silence all mobile devices.**
**The use of photographic, recording, or electronic equipment during the service is prohibited.**
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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

Credo from L'homme armé Organ Mass — *Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

Loquebantur variis linguis Apostoli, (Alleluia)
magnalia Dei, Alleluia.

*The Apostles spoke in many languages (Alleluia)*
*of the great works of God, Alleluia.*

Repleti sunt omnes Spiritu Sancto,
et coeperunt loqui.

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit*
*and began to speak.*

*Words: Based on Acts 2:4*
*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.

*William Smith (1603-1645)*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 112*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord;
he hath great delight in his commandments.
His seed shall be mighty upon earth;
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house;
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness;
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
A good man is merciful, and lendeth;
and will guide his words with discretion.
For he shall never be moved:
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
He will not be afraid of any evil tidings;
for his heart standeth fast,
and believeth in the Lord.
His heart is stablished, and will not shrink,
until he see his desire upon his enemies.
He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor.
and his righteousness remaineth for ever;
his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him;
he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away;
the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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.

*John Goss (1800-1880)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (2 Kings 5:19-27)*

*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.

*Thomas Morley (1557-1602)*
First Service

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Matthew 5:27-37)*

*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.

*Thomas Morley*
First 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*

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of all 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*

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
My God and King.
The heav'ns are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
The Church with psalms must shout;
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

*Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)*
*Music: Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

*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 234****:* **The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King (*Gonfalon Royal*)**

*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

Gloria from L'homme armé Organ Mass — *Margaret Sandresky (b. 1921)*

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

Please join us for upcoming services with Yale Consort. All services at 5:30pm:

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| Sep 30 | Evensong – Trinity Church on the Green | Music of Dering, Webster, and Stanford |
| Oct 7 | Latin Vespers – St. Mary's Church | Music of Guerrero, Vivanco, and Bruckner |
| Oct 14 | Cantata Vespers – Marquand Chapel | Bach Cantata BWV47, with instruments |
| Oct 21 | Evensong – Christ Church | Music of Rachmaninoff, Harris, and Sumsion |

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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