

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR

TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

APRIL 7, 2026

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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The Office of Evensong presented this evening is in accordance with
The Book of Common Prayer

ORGAN PRELUDE

"Pastorale" from Organ Sonata No. 1 in D minor

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

All stand as the Choir and ministers enter

The Choir sings the Introit

Dic nobis Maria,
quid vidisti in via?
Sepulcrum Christi viventis,
et gloriam vidi resurgentis
Angelicos testes,
sudarium, et vestes.
Surrexit Christus spes mea:
praecedet vos in Galilaeam.
Scimus Christum surrexisse
a mortuis vere:
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere.
Alleluia!

*Tell us, Mary,
what did you see on the way?
"I saw the tomb of the living Christ
and the glory of his rising,
The angelic witnesses,
The clothes and the shroud."
"Christ my hope is arisen;
into Galilee, he will go before his own."
We know Christ is truly risen
from the dead!
To us, victorious King, have mercy!
Alleluia!*

Words: Sequence for Easter Sunday

Music: Tomás Luis da Victoria (1548-1611)

All remain standing as the Officiant and 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 111

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart,
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
His work is worthy to be praised and had in honor,
and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his
marvelous works, * that they ought to be had in
remembrance.
He hath given meat unto them that fear him;
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
He hath showed his people the power of his works,
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgment;
all his commandments are true.
They stand fast for ever and ever,
and are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption unto his people;
he hath commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and reverend is his Name.

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.

T.A. Walmisley (1814-1856)

All remain seated for the First Lesson (Exodus 12:28-39)

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.

William Byrd (1540-1623)
The Great Service

All sit for the Second Lesson (Mark 16:9-20)

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.

William Byrd
The Great 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 remain standing

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, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ didst destroy death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Dum transisset Sabbatum,
Maria Magdalene, et Maria Jacobi,
et Salome, emerunt aromata,
ut venientes ungerent Jesum.
Alleluia.
Et valde mane una Sabbatorum
veniunt ad monumentum orto iam sole.

*When the Sabbath was passed,
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James,
and Salome, bought sweet spices,
that coming they might anoint Jesus.
Alleluia.
And very early on the first day after the Sabbath
they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.*

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Words: Mark 16:1-2

Music: John Taverner (1490-1545)

All stand 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 sing **Hymn 205, Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! (Gelobt sei Gott)***

All remain standing as the Choir and ministers depart

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE

Prelude in E-flat major, BWV 552a

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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:

Apr 14 Organ Vespers – Marquand Chapel

Apr 21 Evensong – Trinity on the Green

Apr 28 Festal Evensong – Christ Church

Lutheran Vespers with organist Martin Jean

Music of Wood, Radcliffe, and Wesley

Music of Byrd, Mundy, and Guerrero

Services will resume in Fall of 2026

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