

YALE INSTITUTE OF SACRED MUSIC

# Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR

APRIL 28, 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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during the service is prohibited.**

Your courtesy is appreciated.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Courage in a Time of Struggle

*Angela Kraft Cross (b. 1958)*

*All stand as the Choir and ministers enter*

*The Choir sings the Introit*

Hæc dies quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea.  
Alleluia.

*This is the day that the Lord made:  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.  
Alleluia.*

*Words: Psalm 118:24*

*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 Byrd*

*All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 48*

Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised  
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.  
The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole  
earth; \* upon the north side lieth the city of the  
great King: God is well known in her palaces as a  
sure refuge.  
For lo, the kings of the earth  
were gathered, and gone by together.  
They marvelled to see such things;  
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.  
Fear came there upon them; and sorrow,  
as upon a woman in her travail.  
Thou dost break the ships of the sea  
through the east-wind.

Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of  
the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God; \* God  
upholdeth the same for ever.  
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple.  
O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto  
the world's end;  
thy right hand is full of righteousness.  
Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughters of Judah  
be glad, \* because of thy judgments.  
Walk about Sion, and go round about her;  
and tell the towers thereof.

Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces,  
that ye may tell them that come after.  
For this God is our God for ever and ever:  
he shall be our guide unto death.

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.

*James Turle (1802-1882)*

*All remain seated for the First Lesson (Exodus 32:21-34)*

*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 Mundy (c. 1529-1591)*  
Magnificat 'in medio chori'

*All sit for the Second Lesson (Matthew 5:11-16)*

*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 Mundy*  
Nunc Dimittis 'in medio chori'

*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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, 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 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*

Regina coeli laetare, Alleluia.

Quia quem meruisti portare, Alleluia.

Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum. Alleluia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.*

*For He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.*

*Has risen, as He said, alleluia.*

*Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

*Words: Office Antiphon for Easter*

*Music: Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)*

*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 212: Awake, arise, lift up your voice (Richmond)*

*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

Chorale-Improvisation sur le Victimae paschali laudes

Charles Tournemire (1870-1939)

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



*Artwork by The Rev. John Hager*

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