Choral Evensong

YALE CONSORT

JAMES O'DONNELL, CONDUCTOR



MARCH 5, 2024 5:15 PM CHRIST CHURCH NEW HAVEN Yale Consort is a newly formed professional vocal ensemble conducted by Professor James O'Donnell and sponsored by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. It provides high quality choral music through a series of evening services in local parishes and chapels. The centuries-old tradition of Choral Evensong encourages quiet contemplation through hymns, psalms, canticles, prayer, and reflection. For more information and to view all upcoming evening services, please use the QR code.



Please silence all mobile devices.

The use of photographic, recording, or electronic equipment 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 (1662)

ORGAN PRELUDE

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

All stand as the Choir and ministers enter

The Choir sings the Introit

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto thee.

Words: Psalm 102:1 Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Opening Sentence

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. Praise ye the Lord.

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

All sit. The Choir sings Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God;

for in thee have I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord,

Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

All my delight is upon the saints that are in the earth,

and upon such as excel in virtue.

But they that run after another god shall have great trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,

neither make mention of their names within my lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup:

thou shalt maintain my lot.

The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground;

yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning;

my reins also chasten me in the night season.

have set God always before me;

for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced:

my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell;

neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the path of life;

in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

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.

Chant: F.A. Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

All remain seated for the First Lesson (Jeremiah 7:21-34)

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.

Henry Purcell Evening Service in G Minor, Z. 231

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.

Henry Purcell Evening Service in G Minor, Z. 231

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 God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversaries which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, 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. Thomas Tomkins

All sit. The Choir sings the Anthem Hear my prayer, O Lord, Let my crying come unto Thee.

Words: Psalm 102, verse 1 Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

All stand to sing **Hymn 150**. The hymn may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982 at your seat

The Dismissal

Amen.

V Let us bless the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

All remain standing as the ministers depart

MUSIC AFTER THE SERVICE Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

Please join us for our next Evensong on **March 26**th at Christ Church New Haven, 5:15pm, featuring music of Roxanna Penufnik, G.P. da Palestrina, Tomás Luis de Victoria, and Herbert Howells.

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