



TRINITY  
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## CHORAL EVENSONG

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Welcome to this service. Evensong hangs on the wall of English life like an old, familiar cloak passed through the generations. Rich with prayer and scripture, it is nevertheless totally nonthreatening. It is a service into which all can stumble without censure--a rambling old house where everyone can find some corner to sit and think, to listen with half-attention, trailing a few absentminded fingers of faith or doubt in its passing stream. Most religious celebrations gather us around a table of some sort. They hand us a book or a plate, or speak a word of demanding response. They want to 'touch' us. Choral Evensong is a liturgical expression of Christ's *Nolle me tangere* -- 'Do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to my Father' (St. John 20:17). It reminds us that thresholds can be powerful places of contemplation; and that leaving someone alone with their thoughts is not always denying them hospitality or welcome. Please join in the parts of the service printed in bold type. *Stephen Hough*

*The service begins with an organ prelude. Please stand when the choir and clergy enter the Cathedral.*

**OPENING PRECES** - *Sung by the choir*

**OFFICE HYMN** - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

*The congregation may be seated and remain seated until the prayers.*

**PSALM** - *Sung by the choir*

**FIRST LESSON**

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**MAGNIFICAT**

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. 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 showed 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. *Gloria.*

## SECOND LESSON

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

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. *Gloria*

*Please stand.*

**APOSTLE'S CREED** - *Spoken by all*

**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 power of 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.**

**RESPONSES, LORD'S PRAYER, AND COLLECTS** - *Sung by the choir*

*Please be seated.*

**GREETING**

**ANTHEM**

*After the anthem, please stand or kneel.*

## **SPOKEN PRAYERS** *Everyone joins on one of the following prayers:*

### **1) A General Thanksgiving**

God of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **2) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)**

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. Amen.

### **3) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)**

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

### **4) A Thanksgiving (New Zealand Prayer Book)**

Dear God, thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal. O most holy and beloved, our Companion, our Guide upon the way, our bright evening star. Amen.

### **5) Collect (John Donne)**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven. To enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness or dazzling, but one equal light; no noise or silence, but one equal music; no fears, nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

# CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Cantor:



Let us bless the Lord.

EVERYONE:



Thanks be to God.

The image shows two musical staves. The first staff is for the Cantor and contains the melody for 'Let us bless the Lord.' The second staff is for everyone and contains the melody for 'Thanks be to God.' Both staves are in G-clef and 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes.

## BLESSING

HYMN - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Please remain standing while the choir and clergy leave the Cathedral.*

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**CHORAL EVENSONG AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL**  
**Cleveland, Ohio**  
**March 2023**

**1 March**

**David of Wales**  
Choir Trinity Chamber Singers  
Officiant The Rev. Rosalind Hughes  
Hymns 423, Ar Hyd Y Nos  
Psalm 16  
Responses Martin Neary (b. 1940)  
Service Richard Farrant: Short Service (c. 1525-1580)  
Anthem Lord, let me know mine end – Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

**8 March**

**Perpetua and Felicity**  
Choir High Voices of the Cathedral Choir  
Officiant The Rev. Adrienne Koch  
Hymns 26, 620  
Psalm 124  
Responses Todd Wilson (b. 1954)  
Service Herbert Sumsion in G (1899-1995)  
Anthem Lift thine eyes – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**15 March**

**Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac**  
Choir Trinity Chamber Singers  
Officiant The Rev. Gayle Catinella  
Hymns 140, 424  
Psalm 37:19-42  
Responses Martin Neary (b. 1940)  
Service Samuel Sebastian Wesley in G (Chant Service) (1810-1876)  
Anthem Lo, the full, final sacrifice – Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

**22 March**

**James DeKoven**  
Choir Cathedral Choir  
Officiant The Rev. Alex Martin  
Hymns 692, 24  
Psalm 84:7-12  
Responses Craig Phillips (b. 1961)  
Service Thomas Walmisley in D minor (1814-1856)  
Anthem Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit (*Requiem*, 5th mvt) – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

**29 March**

**John Keble**  
Choir Trinity Chamber Singers  
Officiant The Rev. Anna Sutterisch  
Hymns 10, 656  
Psalm 15  
Responses Reading  
Service Orlando Gibbons: Short Service (1583-1625)  
Anthem Jesus, so lowly – Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

**Anthems**

**1 March: Lord, let me know mine end – Maurice Greene (1696-1755)**

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live. Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears, consider my calling. Hold not thy peace at my tears. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence, and be no more seen.

**8 March: Lift thine eyes – Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)**

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. Life thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

**15 March: Lo, the full, final sacrifice – Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)**

Lo, the full, final, Sacrifice on which all figures fix't their eyes. The ransomed Isaac, and his ram; the Manna, and the Paschal Lamb. Jesu Master, just and true! Our Food, and faithful Shepherd too! O let that love which thus makes thee mix with our low Mortality, lift our lean Souls, and set us up convicts of thine own full cup, coheirs of Saints. That so all may drink the same wine; and the same Way. Nor change the Pasture, but the Place to feed of Thee in thine own Face. O dear Memorial of that Death which lives still, and allows us breath! Rich, Royal food! Bountiful Bread! Whose use denies us to the dead! Live ever Bread of loves, and be my life, my soul, my surer self to me. Help Lord, my Faith, my Hope increase; and fill my portion in thy peace. Give love for life; nor let my days grow, but in new powers to thy name and praise. Rise, Royal Sion! rise and sing thy soul's kind shepherd, thy heart's King. Stretch all thy powers; call if you can harps of heaven to hands of man. This sovereign subject sits above the best ambition of thy love. Lo the Bread of Life, this day's triumphant Text provokes thy praise. The living and life-giving bread, to the great twelve distributed when Life, himself, at point to die of love, was his own Legacy. O soft self-wounding Pelican! Whose breast weeps Balm for wounded man. All this way bend thy benign flood to'a bleeding Heart that gasps for blood. That blood, whose least drops sovereign be to wash my worlds of sins from me. Come love! Come Lord! and that long day for which I languish, come away. When this dry soul those eyes shall see, and drink the unseal'd source of thee. When Glory's sun faith's shades shall chase, and for thy veil give me thy Face. Amen.

**22 March: Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)**

Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit; aber ich will euch wieder sehen und euer Herz soll sich freuen, und eure Freude soll niemand von euch nehmen. Ich will euch trösten, wie einen seine Mutter tröstet. Sehet mich an: ich habe eine kleine Zeit Mühe und Arbeit gehabt und habe großen Trost funden.

*Now you have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice. I will comfort you like one's mother comforts him. Look at me: for a little while I had trouble and toil, and have found great comfort.*

**29 March: Jesus, so lowly – Harold Friedell (1905-1958)**

Jesus, so lowly, child of the earth: christen me wholly, bring me new birth. Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only Love maketh glad. Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token Love will not fail. Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.