



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

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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



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 2024

March 6	Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Choir	Trinity Cathedral Choir
Homilist	The Rev. Rosalind Hughes
Prelude	Improvisation
Hymns	S59, 39
Responses	Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)
Psalm	124
Service	Adrian Batten, Fourth Evening Service (c. 1591-c. 1637)
Anthem	Nolo mortem peccatoris – Thomas Morley (1557/8-1602)
Postlude	Improvisation
March 13	John Theodore Holly, Bishop
Choir	Trinity Chamber Singers
Homilist	The Rev. Alexander Martin
Prelude	Improvisation
Hymns	S61, 143
Responses	Jack Oades (b. 1994)
Psalm	86:11-17
Service	George Dyson in F (1883-1964)
Anthem	O Lord, the Maker of all things – William Mundy (c. 1530-91)
Postlude	Improvisation
March 20	Cuthbert, Bishop
Choir	Trinity Cathedral Choir
Homilist	The Rev. Keith Owen
Prelude	Improvisation
Hymns	S60, 482
Responses	Jack Oades (b. 1994)
Psalm	23
Service	T. Tertius Noble in A Minor (1867-1953)
Anthem	There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)
Postlude	Improvisation

Please join us for Evensong in Holy Week on March 27 at 6PM.



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Anthems

March 6: Nolo mortem peccatoris – Thomas Morley

Nolo mortem peccatoris; haec sunt verba Salvatoris [I do not wish the death of a sinner; these are the words of the Savior]. Father, I am thine only Son, sent down from heav'n mankind to save. Father, all things fulfill'd and done according to thy will, I have. Father, my will now all is this: Nolo mortem peccatoris. Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on ev'ry side; ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffer'd all, and all for this: Nolo mortem peccatoris.

March 13: O Lord, the Maker of all things – William Mundy

O Lord, the maker of all things, we pray thee now in this evening us to defend through thy mercy from all deceits of our enemies. Let neither us deluded be, good Lord, with dream or fantasy, our hearts waking in thee thou keep, that we in sin fall not on sleep. O father, through thy blessed Son grant us this our petition, to whom with the Holy Ghost always in heaven and earth be laud and praise. Amen.

March 20: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy – Maurice Bevan

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own. There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrow of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this; there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss. If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word; and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, March 17, 10AM	Cleveland International Film Festival Preview
Wednesday, March 20, 12PM	Brownbag Concert: Shaker Heights High School Choirs
Wednesday, March 27, 6PM	Evensong in Holy Week, with the Cathedral Choir
Thursday, March 28, 6PM	Maundy Thursday, with the Abundant Table musicians
Friday, March 29, 12PM	Good Friday, with the Cathedral Choir
Friday, March 29, 6PM	Tenebrae, with the Trinity Chamber Singers
Saturday, March 30, 8PM	Great Vigil of Easter, with the Cathedral Choir