



CHORAL EVENSONG

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
318 EAST FOURTH STREET, CINCINNATI, OHIO

¶ *The People's responses are in bold.*

VOLUNTARY

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

¶ *The People stand*

INTROIT

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Text: Cyril A. Alington (1872–1955), alt.; st. 5, Norman Mealy (b. 1923)

Music: Gelobt sei Gott, Melchior Vulpius (ca.1570–1615)

OPENING SENTENCES

✠ Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

¶ *sung by the choir*

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

¶ *sung by the choir*

Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face,
transparent flame of love's free duty, you bring salvation to our days.
Now as we see the lights of evening, we raise our voice in hymns of praise;
worthy are you of endless blessing, sun of your night, lamp of our days.

¶ *The People sit*

PSALM 8

Chant: John Goss

¶ *sung by the choir*

O LORD our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!
Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?
You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor;
You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet:
All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
O LORD our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PSALM 84

Chant: Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

¶ *sung by the choir*

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the LORD God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;
No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.
O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Wisdom 7:22–8:1 (NRSV)

Wisdom, the fashioner of all things, taught me. There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Although she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom. She is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT

setting: *Collegium Regale*
Herbert Howells

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.

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.

Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: NUNC DIMITTIS

setting: *Collegium Regale*
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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.

¶ *The People stand*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, **creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, † the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

¶ *The People stand or kneel for the Prayers*

THE PRAYERS

¶ *sung by the choir*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The People sit*

ANTHEM

How swiftly wafted in a Sigh
Thou god that hear'st the Prayer,
do our Requests invade the Sky
And pierce thy bending Ear!

My Suit is made, my Prayer is o'er,
If I but lift my Eye;
Thou gracious Father, canst no more
Not hear, than thou canst die.

How shall we thy great Arm revere
Which gives this All to be,
Connects the Center with the Sphere
And spans Infinity?

Whate'er our ardent Souls require,
Whate'er we wish is there;
Thy Power exceeds our scant Desire
And blames our partial Prayer.

O! how unbounded is thy Love
Which when thou could'st not die,
Descending from thy Throne above
Put on mortality!

Thou leav'st thy Father's blissful Face
Our Guilt and Curse to assume,
To burst the Bars that stop'd thy Grace
And make thy Bounty room.

Then still let prayer with me remain,
This my Companion be:
So shall I all my wants obtain,
Obtain all Heaven in thee!

All Heav'n in Thee

Text: George Herbert (1593–1633)

Music: James Buonemani

¶ *The People stand*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father 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.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

¶ *sung by the choir*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

¶ *The People sit*

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