

# CHORAL EVENSONG

1 October 2025 7:00pm



St George's Cathedral, Kingston

Cover: *Evensong*, Henry Mark Anthony 1817–1886

Versicles & Responses: Smith

Setting: *Evening Service in C*, Stanford

*Please stand, as you are able, as the Choir and Clergy enter the Cathedral.*

*Minister.* O LORD, open thou our lips;

*Choir.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Minister.* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Choir.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir.* The Lord's Name be praised.

*Please sit.*

## **Psalm 7** *Domine, Deus meus*

O Lord my God, in thee have I put my trust : save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

2 Lest he devour my soul, like a lion, and tear it in pieces : while there is none to help.

3 O Lord my God, if I have done any such thing : or if there be any wickedness in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that dealt friendly with me : yea, I have delivered him that without any cause is mine enemy;

5 Then let mine enemy persecute my soul, and take me : yea, let him tread my life down upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust.

6 Stand up, O Lord, in thy wrath, and lift up thyself, because of the indignation of mine enemies : arise up for me in the judgement that thou hast commanded.

7 And so shall the congregation of the people come about thee : for their sakes therefore lift up thyself again.

8 The Lord shall judge the people; give sentence with me, O Lord : according to my righteousness, and according to the innocency that is in me.

9 O let the wickedness of the ungodly come to an end : but guide thou the just.

10 For the righteous God : trieth the very hearts and reins.

11 My help cometh of God : who preserveth them that are true of heart.

12 God is a righteous Judge, strong and patient : and God is provoked every day.

13 If a man will not turn, he will whet his sword : he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

14 He hath prepared for him the instruments of death : he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

15 Behold, he travaileth with mischief : he hath conceived sorrow, and brought forth ungodliness.

16 He hath graven and digged up a pit : and is fallen himself into the destruction that he made for other.

17 For his travail shall come upon his own head : and his wickedness shall fall on his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the Lord, according to his righteousness : and I will praise the Name of the Lord most High.

The First Lesson is written in the book of Jeremiah, in the 33rd chapter, starting at the first verse.

The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still confined in the court of the guard: Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city and the houses of the kings of Judah that were torn down to make a defence against the siege-ramps and before the sword: The Chaldeans are coming in to fight and to fill them with the dead bodies of those whom I shall strike down in my anger and my wrath, for I have hidden my face from this city because of all their wickedness. I am going to bring it recovery and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. I will restore the fortunes of Judah and the fortunes of Israel, and rebuild them as they were at first. I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me. And this city shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and a glory before all the nations of the earth who shall hear of all the good that I do for them; they shall fear and tremble because of all the good and all the prosperity I provide for it.

Thus says the LORD: In this place of which you say, ‘It is a waste without human beings or animals’, in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem that are desolate, without inhabitants, human or animal, there shall once more be heard the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voices of those who sing, as they bring thank-offerings to the house of the LORD:

‘Give thanks to the LORD of hosts,  
for the LORD is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever!’

For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first, says the LORD.

Thus says the LORD of hosts: In this place that is waste, without human beings or animals, and in all its towns there shall again be pasture for shepherds resting their flocks. In the towns of the hill country, of the Shephelah, and of the Negeb, in the land of Benjamin, the places around Jerusalem, and in the towns of Judah, flocks shall again pass under the hands of the one who counts them, says the LORD.

Here endeth the first lesson.

## The Office Hymn *(please stand)*



Glory to thee, my God, this night  
For all the blessings of the light;  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath thy own almighty wings.

4 O may my soul on thee repose,  
And with sweet sleep my eyelids close,  
Sleep that may me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

2 Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself and thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

5 Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

3 Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the awful day.

*Tallis's Canon*

Thomas Tallis c1505-85

Thomas Ken 1637-1711

*Please remain standing*

## Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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.*

*Please sit*

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to John, in the 10th chapter, beginning at the first verse.

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When

he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes<sup>u</sup> it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

Again the Jews were divided because of these words. Many of them were saying, ‘He has a demon and is out of his mind. Why listen to him?’ Others were saying, ‘These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?’

Here endeth the second lesson.

*Please stand*

### Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

**L**ORD, 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.*

*Please remain standing*

**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.*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*Please kneel as you are able*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on 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.*

*Minister:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Minister:* O Lord, save the King;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Minister:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Minister:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Minister:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Minister:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

KEEP, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of all without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Second Collect, for Peace.*

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 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 Saviour. *Amen.*

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.*

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 Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*Please sit.*

## The Anthem

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:  
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, bring hither the tabret: \*  
the merry harp with the lute.

Adrian Batten 1591-1637

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:  
e'en in the time appointed.  
And upon our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel:  
and a law of the God of Jacob.

Psalms 81

## The Prayers

*Please kneel as you are able*

**A**Lmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named, grant us to be strengthened by thy Holy Spirit, that, Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith, our lives may be rooted and grounded in thy covenant love; and that we may be empowered by thy Spirit to speak thy truth, and to walk in thy way of justice and wholeness for all. Mercifully grant that thy people of this our land, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to serve one another as we grow together into the full stature of Christ, our light and our life. *Amen.*

**A**Lmighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**E**verliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

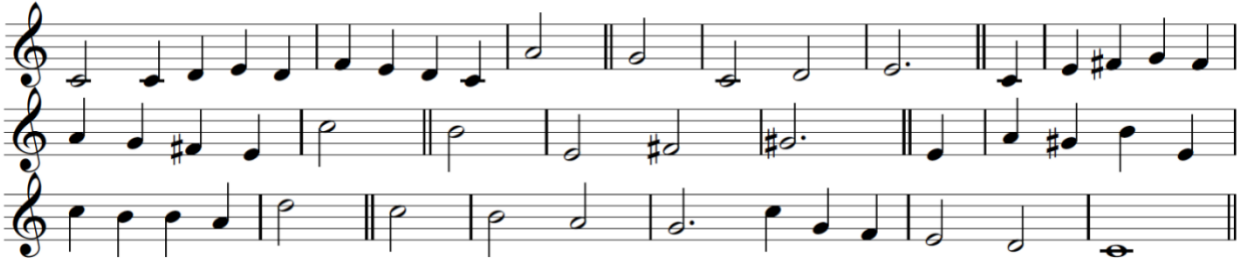
*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

**A**Lmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14.*

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

## Hymn *(please stand)*



Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,  
lead thou me on;  
the night is dark, and I am far from home;  
lead thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3 So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
will lead me on,  
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
the night is gone,  
and with the morn those angel faces smile,  
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*Alberta*

William Harris 1883-1973

John Henry Newman 1801-90

*Please remain standing for the recession.*

The Right Rev'd William Cliff, Bishop of Ontario  
The Very Rev'd Douglas Michael, Dean of Ontario  
Alex Pierson, organist  
Brad Barbeau, Director of Music  
The Cathedral Choir

*The Cathedral Choir will offer Choral Evensong on Sunday 5 October at 4pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Picton.  
All are welcome.*

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