



# Choral Even-song

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prelude on 'Te lucis ante terminum'*

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

*The Officiant reads one or more sentences of Scripture.*

## PRECES & RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* ✠ O God, make speed to save us.  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant* 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.

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

## PSALM 103

*Benedic, anima mea*

*Setting: H. W. Davies (1896–1941)*

**P**RAISE the LORD, O my soul : and all that is within me praise his holy Name.  
Praise the LORD, O my soul : and forget not all his benefits;  
Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities;  
Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;  
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things : making thee young and lusty as an eagle.  
The LORD executeth righteousness and judgement : for all them that are oppressed with wrong.  
He shewed his ways unto Moses : his works unto the children of Israel.  
The LORD is full of compassion and mercy : long-suffering, and of great goodness.  
He will not alway be chiding : neither keepeth he his anger for ever.  
He hath not dealt with us after our sins : nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.  
For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.  
Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath he set our sins from us.  
Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.  
For he knoweth whereof we are made : he remembereth that we are but dust.  
The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.  
For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.  
But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him :  
and his righteousness upon children's children;  
Even upon such as keep his covenant : and think upon his commandments to do them.  
The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven : and his kingdom ruleth over all.  
O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength :  
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.  
O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts : ye servants of his that do his pleasure.  
O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion : praise thou the LORD, O my soul.

*(standing)*

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.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 47:1–15

**C**OME down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones and grind meal, put off your veil, strip off your robe, uncover your legs, pass through the rivers. Your nakedness shall be uncovered, and your shame shall be seen. I will take vengeance, and I will spare no man. Our Redeemer—the LORD of hosts is his name—is the Holy One of Israel. Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms. I was angry with my people, I profaned my heritage; I gave them into your hand, you showed them no mercy; on the aged you made your yoke exceedingly heavy. You said, “I shall be mistress for ever,” so that you did not lay these things to heart or remember their end. Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”: These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments. You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, “No one sees me”; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me.” But evil shall come upon you, for which you cannot atone; disaster shall fall upon you, which you will not be able to expiate; and ruin shall come on you suddenly, of which you know nothing. Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed, perhaps you may inspire terror. You are wearied with your many counsels; let them stand forth and save you, those who divide the heavens, who gaze at the stars, who at the new moons predict what shall befall you. Behold, they are like stubble, the fire consumes them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame. No coal for warming oneself is this, no fire to sit before! Such to you are those with whom you have labored, who have trafficked with you from your youth; they wander about each in his own direction; there is no one to save you.

### Magnificat

*Evening Service in E flat*

Healey Willan

**M**Y ✠ 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.

## SECOND LESSON

John 5:2–18

**N**OW there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did this on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working still, and I am working.” This was why the Jews sought all the more to kill him, because he not only broke the sabbath but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*Evening Service in E flat*

Healey Willan

**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.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Sung by the Choir*

**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 PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel as the Choir sings*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR 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.

*The Officiant and Choir sing*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.

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

*Officiant* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.

*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

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

### *The Collect of the Day*

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

### *The Second Collect, for Peace*

**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 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.

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

**L**IGHTEN 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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

**A**RISE, shine, for thy light is come,  
 And the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia.  
 Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud him, all ye people!  
 For his merciful kindness is great toward us,  
 And the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia.

*Isaiah 60:1 & Ps. 117*

**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

**A**Lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*The Officiant then says A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, after which he chants the concluding Grace*

The 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 29**

O Trinity of blessed light

*Bromley*

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -  
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our  
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -

ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now  
 eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy  
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly

goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.  
 saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

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*Postlude in D*