

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Magnificat Primi Toni, BuxWV 223

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

PSALM 145

Exaltabo te, Deus

Setting: D. Major (b. 1953)

I WILL magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.
Great is the LORD, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy righteousness.
The LORD is gracious, and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
The LORD is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.
All thy works praise thee, O LORD : and thy saints give thanks unto thee.
They shew the glory of thy kingdom : and talk of thy power;
That thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom : might be known unto men.
Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom : and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.
The LORD upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O LORD : and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
The LORD is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.
The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
The LORD preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

(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

2 Kings 20:1–21

I N those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, ‘Set your house in order; for you shall die, you shall not recover.’” Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, “Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in faithfulness and with a whole heart, and have done what is good in thy sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly. And before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: “Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. And I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria, and I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David’s sake.” And Isaiah said, “Bring a cake of figs. And let them take and lay it on the boil, that he may recover.” And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, “What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?” And Isaiah said, “This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps?” And Hezekiah answered, “It is an easy thing for the shadow to lengthen ten steps; rather let the shadow go back ten steps.” And Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD; and he brought the shadow back ten steps, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz. At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

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And Hezekiah welcomed them, and he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his armory, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. Then Isaiah the prophet came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? And whence did they come to you?" And Hezekiah said, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" And Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them." Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in your house, and that which your fathers have stored up till this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the LORD. And some of your own sons, who are born to you, shall be taken away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD which you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?" The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? And Hezekiah slept with his fathers; and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

MAGNIFICAT

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John Amner (1579–1641)

SECOND LESSON

Luke 7:11–17

JESUS went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" And this report concerning him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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ANTHEM

John Sheppard (c. 1515–1558)

IN manus tuas, Domine, commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me Domine, Deus veritatis.

*Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

Compline Responsory

HYMN 466

Eternal light, shine in my heart

Jacob