

## CHORAL EVENSONG

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

### PRECES & RESPONSES

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

### PSALM 113

*Laudate, pueri*

*Setting: S. Vann (1910–2010)*

**P**RAISE the LORD, ye servants : O praise the Name of the LORD.

Blessed be the Name of the LORD : from this time forth for evermore.

The LORD's Name is praised : from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The LORD is high above all heathen : and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the LORD our God that hath his dwelling so high :

and yet humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the simple out of the dust : and lifteth the poor out of the mire;

That he may set him with the princes : even with the princes of his people.

*(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

Amos 1:1–5, 13–2:8

**T**HE words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said: "The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds mourn, and the top of Carmel withers." Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing sledges of iron. So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael, and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad. I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven, and him that holds the scepter from Beth-eden; and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of the Ammonites, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have ripped up women with child in Gilead, that they might enlarge their border. So I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour her strongholds, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind; and their king shall go into exile, he and his princes together," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because he burned to lime the bones of the king of Edom. So I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the strongholds of Kerioth, and Moab shall die amid uproar, amid shouting and the sound of the trumpet; I will cut off the ruler from its midst, and will slay all its princes with him," says the LORD. Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, after which their fathers walked. So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem." Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes—they that trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth, and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same maiden, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar upon garments taken in pledge; and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined."

### MAGNIFICAT

*Second Service*

William Byrd (c. 1543–1623)

**SECOND LESSON**

Luke 21:5–19

**A**s some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, “As for these things which you see, the days will come when there shall not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” And they asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign when this is about to take place?” And he said, “Take heed that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified; for this must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be a time for you to bear testimony. Settle it therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer; for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and kinsmen and friends, and some of you they will put to death; you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

**NUNC DIMITTIS***Second Service*

William Byrd

**ANTHEM**

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525–1594)

**A**LMA Redemptoris Mater,  
 quæ pervia cæli porta manes et stella maris,  
 succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat populo:  
 Tu quæ genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem:  
 Virgo prius ac posterius,  
 Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,  
 peccatorum miserere.

*Kind mother of the Redeemer,  
 the open gateway to heaven and star of the sea,  
 Help your fallen people who strive to rise again:  
 We pray you, who bore your holy Son by a miracle of nature,  
 A virgin first and last,  
 who received God’s greeting from the mouth of Gabriel,  
 have mercy on sinners.*

*Vesper Antiphon for Advent***HYMN 65**

Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*