



# Choral Even-song

The First Sunday in Lent

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Miserere I*

William Byrd (c. 1543–1623)

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

## PRECES & RESPONSES

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*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

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

**M**OSES summoned all Israel, and said to them, “All the commandment which I command you this day you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out upon you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

### Magnificat

*Short Service*

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**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

Mark 2:18–22

**J**OHNS disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to Jesus, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?” And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; if he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins.”

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*Short Service*

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**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 Collects of the Day*

**O**LORD, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

**A**Lmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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.

## ANTHEM

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**T**EACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end.  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.  
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness.  
O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Psalm 119: 33-38*

## 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 681

Our God, to whom we turn

*O Gott, du frommer Gott*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Miserere II*

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