

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Magnificat primi toni, BuxWV 203

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

PSALM 34

Benedicam Dominum

Setting: S. Dettra

I WILL always give thanks unto the LORD : his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the LORD : the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O praise the LORD with me : and let us magnify his Name together.
I sought the LORD, and he heard me : yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
They had an eye unto him, and were lightened : and their faces were not ashamed.
Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him : yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him : and delivereth them.
O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is : blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints : for they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger : but they who seek the LORD shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me : I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
What man is he that lusteth to live : and would fain see good days?
Keep thy tongue from evil : and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Eschew evil, and do good : seek peace, and ensue it.
The eyes of the LORD are over the righteous : and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the LORD is against them that do evil : to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth them : and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart : and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous : but the LORD delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones : so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly : and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The LORD delivereth the souls of his servants : and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

(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

Genesis 24:50–67

LABAN and Bethuel answered, “The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before you, take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.” When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. And the servant brought forth jewelry of silver and of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah; he also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me back to my master.” Her brother and her mother said, “Let the maiden remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way; let me go that I may go to my master.” They said, “We will call the maiden, and ask her.” And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.” So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, “Our sister, be the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gate of those who hate them!” Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and rode upon the camels and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was dwelling in the Negeb. And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there were camels coming.

(continued overleaf)

And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man yonder, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into the tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

MAGNIFICAT

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SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:13–22

THEY were bringing children to Jesus, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth." And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

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ANTHEM

Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye (c. 1505–c. 1573)

GIVE almes of thy goods and turn never thy face from any poor man:
And then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.

Tobit 4:7

HYMN 582

O holy city, seen of John

Sancta Civitas