

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Andante sostenuto, from *Symphonie gothique*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

PSALM 46

Deus noster refugium

Setting: from Luther

GOD is our hope and strength : a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved : and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
Though the waters thereof rage and swell : and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God : the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed : God shall help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved : but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The LORD of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD : what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world :
 he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God : I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The LORD of hosts is with us : the God of Jacob is our refuge.

(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 29:20–35

JACOB served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) And in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to wife. (Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his daughter Rachel to be her maid.) So Jacob went in to Rachel also, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served Laban for another seven years. When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said, “Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; surely now my husband will love me.” She conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Because the LORD has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also”; and she called his name Simeon. Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, “Now this time my husband will be joined to me, because I have borne him three sons”; therefore his name was called Levi. And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “This time I will praise the LORD”; therefore she called his name Judah; then she ceased bearing.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in A flat

Basil Harwood (1859–1949)

SECOND LESSON

Mark 10:23–31

JESUS looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”

NUNC DIMITTIS*Evening Service in A flat*

Basil Harwood

ANTHEM

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809)

INSANÆ et vanæ curæ invadunt mentes nostras,
 Sæpe furore replent corda, privata spe,
 Quid prodest O mortalis conari pro mundanis,
 si cælos negligas?
 Sunt fausta tibi cuncta, si Deus est pro te.

*Vain and raging cares invade our minds,
 Madness often fills the heart, robbed of hope,
 O mortal man, what does it profit to endeavour at worldly
 things, if you should neglect the heavens?
 If God is for you, all things are favorable for you.*

HYMN 28

O blest Creator, source of light

Bromley