

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

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

Exodus 3:16–4:12

GOD said to Moses, “Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt; and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt, to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”’ And they will hearken to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’ I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. So I will stretch out my hand and smite Egypt with all the wonders which I will do in it; after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her who sojourns in her house, jewelry of silver and of gold, and clothing, and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters; thus you shall despoil the Egyptians.” Then Moses answered, “But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, ‘The LORD did not appear to you.’” The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A rod.” And he said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand, and take it by the tail”—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand— “that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

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Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand into your bosom." And he put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your bosom." So he put his hand back into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, it was restored like the rest of his flesh. "If they will not believe you," God said, "or heed the first sign, they may believe the latter sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or heed your voice, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it upon the dry ground; and the water which you shall take from the Nile will become blood upon the dry ground." But Moses said to the LORD, "Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either heretofore or since thou hast spoken to thy servant; but I am slow of speech and of tongue." Then the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Who makes him dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak."

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in E minor

Daniel Purcell (c. 1664–1717)

SECOND LESSON

John 8:46–59

JESUS said to the Jews who had believed in him, "Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears the words of God; the reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" Jesus answered, "I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it and he will be the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if any one keeps my word, he will never see death." The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, as did the prophets; and you say, 'If any one keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God. But you have not known him; I know him. If I said, I do not know him, I should be a liar like you; but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he was to see my day; he saw it and was glad." The Jews then said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they took up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in E minor

Daniel Purcell

ANTHEM

Henry Purcell (1659–1695)

JHOVA, quam multi sunt hostes mei!
Quam multi insurgunt contra me.
Quam multi dicunt de anima mea;
non est ulla salus isti in Deo plane.

*Jehovah, how many are my enemies,
how many rise up against me,
how many say of my soul:
Clearly there is no salvation for it in God.*

At tu, Jehova, clypeus es circa me;
gloria mea, et extollens caput meum.

*But thou, Jehovah, art a shield around me,
my glory and the lifter up of my head.*

Voce mea ad Jehovam clamanti,
respondit mihi e monte sanctitatis suae maxime.
Ego cubui et dormivi, ego expergefeci me;
quia Jehova sustentat me.

*With my voice crying to Jehovah,
he replied to me mightily from the mountain of his holiness.
I laid down and slept, I rose up again,
for Jehovah sustained me.*

Non timebo a myriadibus populi,
quas circumdisposuerint metatores contra me.

*I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people,
whom surveyors have placed around against me.*

Surge, Jehova, fac salvum me Deus mi;
qui percussisti omnes inimicos meos maxilliam,
dentes improborum confregisti.

*Arise, Jehovah, help me, O my God;
for thou who smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone,
thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.*

Jehova est salus:
super populum tuum sit benedictio tua maxime.

*Jehovah is salvation:
may thy blessing be greatly upon thy people.*

Psalm 3:1–8

HYMN 148

Creator of the earth and skies

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