

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Two Settings of 'Herzlich tut mich verlangen'

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Plainsong

PSALM 103

Setting: Plainsong

PRAISE 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

Zechariah 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9

THUS says the LORD: "And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness. Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me," says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The LORD is my God.'"

MAGNIFICAT

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SECOND LESSON

Luke 19:41–48

WHEN Jesus drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, “Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation.” And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer’; but you have made it a den of robbers.” And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him; but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people hung upon his words.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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ANTHEM

Giovanni Croce (1557–1609)

OVOS omnes qui transitis perviam, attendite et videte:
Si est dolor similes sicut dolor meus.

*All you who pass by, stop and see
if you have witnessed any sorrow like mine.*

Lamentations 1:12

HYMN 548

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown