

CHORAL EVENSONG

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude (in form of a Chaconne)

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

PSALM 8

Domine, Dominus noster

Setting: J. Corfe (1740–1820)

O LORD our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies :
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower than the angels : to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands : and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
O LORD our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

PSALM 84

Quam dilecta!

Setting: C.H.H. Parry (1848–1918)

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings : thou LORD of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the LORD : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young :
even thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee.
Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.
Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.
They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.
O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer : hearken, O God of Jacob.
Behold, O God our defender : and look upon the face of thine Anointed.
For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
For the LORD God is a light and defence :
the LORD will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.
O LORD God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

(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

1 Kings 19:8–21

ELIJAH arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. And there he came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.”

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And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And him who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay; and him who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in B flat

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SECOND LESSON

John 11:45–57

MANY of the Jews who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him; but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council, and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on thus, every one will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they took counsel how to put him to death. Jesus therefore no longer went about openly among the Jews, but went from there to the country near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim; and there he stayed with the disciples. Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover, to purify themselves. They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think? That he will not come to the feast?" Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if any one knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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ANTHEM

Evening Hymn

H. Balfour Gardiner (1877–1950)

TE lucis ante terminum, rerum Creator,
Poscimus ut pro tua clementia
sis præsul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime, ne polluantur corpora.
Præsta, Pater piissime, Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

*To thee, before the close of day creator of the world,
We pray that with thy wonted favor,
thou wouldst be our guard and keeper now.
From all ill dreams defend our eyes, from nightly fears and fantasies:
Tread under foot our ghostly foe, that no pollution we may know.
O Father, that we ask be done through Jesus Christ thine only Son,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee, shall live and reign eternally.
Amen.*

Office Hymn for Compline, c. 6th cent.

HYMN 386

We sing of God, the mighty source

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