



Choral Even-song

The Eve of Holy Cross Day

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia on the plainsong melody 'Vexilla regis'

Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

PRECES & RESPONSES

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

The Priest first reads one or more sentences of Scripture.

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest ✠ O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

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.

PSALM 87

Fundamenta ejus

Setting: E. Monk

HER foundations are upon the holy hills : the LORD loveth the gates of Sion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Very excellent things are spoken of thee : thou city of God.

I will think upon Rahab and Babylon : with them that know me.

Behold ye the Philistines also : and they of Tyre, with the Morians; lo, there was he born.

And of Sion it shall be reported that he was born in her : and the most High shall stablish her.

The LORD shall rehearse it when he writeth up the people : that he was born there.

The singers also and trumpeters shall he rehearse : All my fresh springs shall be in thee.

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 8:22–30

SOLOMON stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to thy servants who walk before thee with all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant David my father what thou didst declare to him; yea, thou didst speak with thy mouth, and with thy hand hast fulfilled it this day. Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father what thou hast promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a man before me to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your sons take heed to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word be confirmed, which thou hast spoken to thy servant David my father. “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, O Lord my God, hearkening to the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prays before thee this day; that thy eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which thou hast said, ‘My name shall be there;’ that thou mayest hearken to the prayer which thy servant offers toward this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant and of thy people Israel, when they pray toward this place; yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when thou hearest, forgive.”

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in F

John Ireland (1879–1962)

MY ✠ soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

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.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11–22

THEREFORE remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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John Ireland

LORD, ✠ now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Chanted in unison by the Choir and People

IBELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Priest The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel as the Choir sings
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Priest and Choir sing

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Priest O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

ALmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world unto himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him. Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Vexilla Regis

John Ireland

The royal banners forward go. The cross shines forth in mystic glow. Where he in flesh, our flesh who made, our sentence bore, our ransom paid. There whilst he hung, his sacred side, by soldiers spear was opened wide. To cleanse us in the precious flood of water mingled with his blood. Fulfilled is now what David told. In true prophetic song of old that God the heathen's King should be, for God is reigning from the Tree! O Tree of glory, O Tree most fair, ordained those holy limbs to bear, how bright in purple robe it stood, the purple of a Saviour's blood! Upon its arms like balance true he weighed the price for sinners due, the price which he alone could pay, and spoil'd the spoiler of his prey. To thee eternal three in one, let homage meet by all be done. As by the Cross thou dost restore, so rule and guide us evermore! Amen.

Venantius Fortunatus (c. 530 – c. 610), tr. John Mason Neale (1818–1866)

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Priest then says A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, after which he chants the concluding Grace

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

HYMN 442

In the cross of Christ I glory

Tomter



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
 * 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



1 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 2 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 3 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 4 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 5 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



1 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

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Toccata on 'Pange lingua'

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

