



Choral Even-song

The First Sunday of Advent

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

Gottes Sohn ist kommen, BWV 600

Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottessohn, BWV 601

Lob sei dem allmächtigen Gott, BWV 602

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

The Officiant reads one or more sentences of Scripture.

PRECES & RESPONSES

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant ✠ O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

PSALM III

Confitebor tibi

Setting: R. Woodward (c. 1743–1777)

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart :
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
The works of the LORD are great :
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
His work is worthy to be praised, and had in honour :
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works :
that they ought to be had in remembrance.
He hath given meat unto them that fear him :
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
He hath shewed his people the power of his works :
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
The works of his hands are verity and judgement :
all his commandments are true.
They stand fast for ever and ever :
and are done in truth and equity.
He sent redemption unto his people :
he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom :
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the LORD :
 He hath great delight in his commandments.
 His seed shall be mighty upon earth :
 the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.
 Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house :
 and his righteousness endureth for ever.
 Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness :
 he is merciful, loving, and righteous.
 A good man is merciful, and lendeth :
 and will guide his words with discretion.
 For he shall never be moved :
 and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
 He will not be afraid of any evil tidings :
 for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the LORD.
 His heart is established, and will not shrink :
 until he see his desire upon his enemies.
 He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor :
 and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.
 The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him :
 he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 113

*Laudate, pueri**Setting: S. Vann (1910–2010)*

PRAISE the LORD, ye servants :
 O praise the Name of the LORD.
 Blessed be the Name of the LORD :
 from this time forth for evermore.
 The LORD's Name is praised :
 from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.
 The LORD is high above all heathen :
 and his glory above the heavens.
 Who is like unto the LORD our God that hath his dwelling so high :
 and yet humbleth himself to
 behold the things that are in heaven and earth?
 He taketh up the simple out of the dust : a
 nd lifteth the poor out of the mire;
 That he may set him with the princes :
 even with the princes of his people.

(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

Isaiah 1:1–9

THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the Lord has spoken: "Sons have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner, and the ass its master's crib; but Israel does not know, my people does not understand." Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are utterly estranged. Why will you still be smitten, that you continue to rebel? The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but bruises and sores and bleeding wounds; they are not pressed out, or bound up, or softened with oil. Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens. And the daughter of Zion is left like a booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. If the Lord of hosts had not left us a few survivors, we should have been like Sodom, and become like Gomorrah.

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

Matthew 25:1–13

JESUS said to the disciples, “The kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in E flat (No. 2)

Charles Wood

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

Sung by the Choir

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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant 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 Officiant and Choir sing

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

ALmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, 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.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Choir Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Charles Wood

NEVER weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.

Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!

Thomas Campion (1567–1620)

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 Officiant 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 54

Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Hymnus de Adventu Domini: Veni redemptor gentium

Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)