



Choral Even-song

The Second Sunday of Advent

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Benedictus

Alec Rowley (1892–1958)

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 114

In exitu Israel

Setting: Tonus Peregrinus, adapt. D. Willcocks

WHEN Israel came out of Egypt :
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
Judah was his sanctuary :
and Israel his dominion.
The sea saw that, and fled :
Jordan was driven back.
The mountains skipped like rams :
and the little hills like young sheep.
What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest :
and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams :
and ye little hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord :
at the presence of the God of Jacob;
Who turned the hard rock into a standing water :
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise :
 for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
 Wherefore shall the heathen say :
 Where is now their God?
 As for our God, he is in heaven :
 he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
 Their idols are silver and gold :
 even the work of men's hands.
 They have mouths, and speak not :
 eyes have they, and see not.
 They have ears, and hear not :
 noses have they, and smell not.
 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not :
 neither speak they through their throat.
 They that make them are like unto them :
 and so are all such as put their trust in them.
 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the LORD :
 he is their succour and defence.
 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the LORD :
 he is their helper and defender.
 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the LORD :
 he is their helper and defender.
 The LORD hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us :
 even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
 He shall bless them that fear the LORD :
 both small and great.
 The Lord shall increase you more and more :
 you and your children.
 Ye are the blessed of the LORD :
 who made heaven and earth.
 All the whole heavens are the LORD's :
 the earth hath he given to the children of men.
 The dead praise not thee, O LORD :
 neither all they that go down into silence.
 But we will praise the LORD :
 from this time forth for evermore. Praise the LORD.

(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 5:1-7

LET me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He digged it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

Magnificat

Third Service

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

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.

JESUS spoke to the crowds concerning John: “I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (When they heard this all the people and the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John; but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.) “To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the market place and calling to one another, ‘We piped to you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not weep.’ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine; and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of man has come eating and drinking; and you say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

NUNC DIMITTIS

Third Service

Philip Moore

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 Collects of the Day

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

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. 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

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525–1594)

ALMA Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia caeli porta manes et stella maris,
succurre cadenti, surgere qui curat populo:
Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem:
Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

*Kind mother of the Redeemer, the open gateway to heaven and star of the sea,
Help your fallen people who strive to rise again:
We pray you, who bore your holy Son by a miracle of nature,
A virgin first and last, who received God's greeting from the mouth of Gabriel, have mercy on sinners.*

Marian Antiphon for Compline

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 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Meditation on 'Conditor alme siderum'

Alec Rowley