



# Choral Even-song

## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Prelude (in form of a Chaconne)*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

*The Officiant reads one or more sentences of Scripture.*

### PRECES & RESPONSES

Philip Radcliffe (1905–1986)

*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 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

Wisdom 7:22–8:1

**W**ISDOM, the fashioner of all things, taught me. For in her there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all-powerful, overseeing all, and penetrating through all spirits that are intelligent and pure and most subtle. For wisdom is more mobile than any motion; because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things. For she is a breath of the power of God, and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty; therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her. For she is a reflection of eternal light, a spotless mirror of the working of God, and an image of his goodness. Though she is but one, she can do all things, and while remaining in herself, she renews all things; in every generation she passes into holy souls and makes them friends of God, and prophets; for God loves nothing so much as the man who lives with wisdom. For she is more beautiful than the sun, and excels every constellation of the stars. Compared with the light she is found to be superior, for it is succeeded by the night, but against wisdom evil does not prevail. She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other, and she orders all things well.

### Magnificat

*Evening Service in B flat*

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**M**Y ✠ 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 7:7–14

**J**ESUS opened his mouth and taught his disciples, saying: “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; for this is the law and the prophets. “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.”

### NUNC DIMITTIS

*Evening Service in B flat*

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**L**ORD, ✠ 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 all*

**I**BELIEVE 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

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who 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*

**O** ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; Grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through 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*

**L**IGHTEN 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**

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**F**OR lo I raise up that bitter and hasty nation,  
which march through the breadth of the earth,  
to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs.  
They are terrible and dreadful,  
their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.  
Their horses also are swifter than leopards,  
and are more fierce than the evening wolves,  
and their horsemen spread themselves,  
yea, their horsemen come from far.  
They fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour,  
they come all of them for violence;  
their faces are set as the east wind,  
and they gather captives as the sand.  
Yea, he scoffeth at kings and princes are a derision unto him  
for he heapeth up dust and taketh it  
then shall he sweep by as a wind that shall  
pass over and be guilty even he whose might is his God.

Art not thou from everlasting,  
O Lord my God, mine Holy One?  
We shall not die.  
O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement  
and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction

I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower  
and look forth to see what he will say to me  
and what I shall answer concerning my complaint.

And the Lord answered me and said,  
The vision is yet for the appointed time,  
and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie  
though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come.

For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge  
of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

But the Lord is in his holy temple:  
let all the earth keep silence before Him.

*Habakkuk 1 & 2*

### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**A**Lmighty 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 182

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

*Truro*

**C**Hrist is alive! Let Christians sing.  
His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now  
and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,  
untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life,  
our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns  
through this and every future age,  
till all creation lives and learns  
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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*Prelude and Fugue in C*

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