



# CHORAL EVENSONG

*on the Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Sung by the Choirs Llandaff Cathedral,  
Brecon Cathedral, and Newport Cathedral

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
4.00pm

Order of Service



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# ORDER OF SERVICE

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## *Music before the Service*

Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin, JA 118  
Jehan Alain (1911-40)

§ Please stand as the Procession enters to sing:



All 1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.

2. God is Love: and is enfolding  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp is holding  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

3. God is Love, and though with blindness  
sin afflicts and clouds the will,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds us fast and guides us still.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939)

Music: BLAENWERN  
William Rowlands (1860-1937)

§ Please remain standing. The cantor and choir sing:

## The Preces

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

O God, make speed to save us;  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord;  
The Lord's name be praised.

Music: William Smith of Durham (1603-45)

## The Psalms

§ Please sit as the choirs sing the psalmody appointed for the evening:

*Choir* Praise the Lord, Sing praise O ye servants of the Lord:  
O praise the Name of the Lord.

Blessèd be the Name of the Lord:  
from this time forth for ever more.

The Lord's Name be praised:  
from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

The Lord is high above all nations:  
and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, that sitteth enthroned on high:  
Yet looketh down to behold the things that are in heaven and earth?

He taketh up the lowly out of the dust:  
and lifteth the poor from the dunghill,

That he may set him with Princes:  
even with the princes of his people.

He giveth the barren woman a home where in to dwell:  
and maketh her to be a joyful mother of children. Praise ye the Lord.

When Israel came out of Egypt:  
and the house of Jacob from among a people of an alien tongue,

Judah became his sanctuary:  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld and fled:  
and Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams:  
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed 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 pools of water:  
and the flintstone into a springing well.

Psalm 114

Tonus Peregrinus

§ *Please stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Spirit;

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

§ *Please sit.*

## *The First Lesson*

The first reading is taken from the sixty-third chapter of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, beginning at the seventh verse;

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,  
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,  
because of all that the Lord has done for us,  
and the great favour to the house of Israel  
that he has shown them according to his mercy,  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,  
children who will not deal falsely';  
and he became their saviour  
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel  
but his presence that saved them;  
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;  
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled  
and grieved his holy spirit;  
therefore he became their enemy;  
he himself fought against them.  
Then they remembered the days of old,  
of Moses his servant.

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea  
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them  
his holy spirit,  
who caused his glorious arm  
to march at the right hand of Moses,  
who divided the waters before them  
to make for himself an everlasting name,  
who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,  
they did not stumble.

Like cattle that go down into the valley,  
the spirit of the Lord gave them rest.

Thus you led your people,  
to make for yourself a glorious name.

*Isaiah 63. 7-14*

Here ends the First Reading.

§ *Please stand:*

*Choir* My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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.

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: Evening Service in E  
Herbert Murrill (1909-52)

§ *Please sit.*

## *The Second Lesson*

*Reader* The second reading is taken from the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of St Luke, beginning at the thirty-sixth verse;

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

*Luke 24. 36-49*

Here ends the Second Lesson.



## *Nunc Dimittis*

§ *Please stand.*

*Choir* 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 peoples. 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.

Words: Luke 2. 29

## *The Apostles' Creed*

§ *Please remain standing and face the High Altar:*

*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 Spirit,  
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 is seated at 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 Spirit;  
the Holy Catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

§ *The cantor and choir sing:*

*The Lord be with you:  
And with thy spirit.*

*Let us pray.*

§ *Please sit or kneel.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Our 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.*

*O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
And grant us thy salvation.*

*O Lord, save the King;  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

*Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
And make thy chosen people joyful.*

*O Lord, save thy people;  
And bless thine inheritance.*

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

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

*Living Father, who hast given thine only Son to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life:  
grant that in him we may faithfully seek thee, joyfully find thee and for ever possess  
thee, God blessed for ever.  
Amen.*

*Almighty 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 that, being defended by thee from  
the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

## *Anthem*

*Choir* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which according to his abundant mercy  
hath begotten us again unto a lively hope  
by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled,  
that fadeth not away,  
reserved in heaven for you,  
Who are kept by the power of God  
through faith unto salvation  
ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy,  
so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.  
Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently.  
See that ye love one another.  
Love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again,  
not of corruptible seed,  
but of incorruptible,  
by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass,  
and all the glory of man  
as the flower of grass.  
The grass withereth,  
and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.  
*Amen.*

Words: 1 Peter 1.3–5,15,17b,22b,23a,24,25a  
(Authorized Version, slightly altered), plus "Amen"

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

§ Please sit or kneel.

## Prayers Of Intercession

§ The prayers conclude with the following Anthem:

Choir The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
To shine upon you and be gracious,  
And be gracious, unto you

The Lord lift up the light  
Of his countenance upon you  
And give you peace, Amen.

Words: Numbers 6.24

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

## The Offertory Hymn

§ Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn:  
fruit of the mystic Rose,  
as of that Rose the Stem;  
the Root whence mercy ever flows,  
the Babe of Bethlehem.



3. Crown him the Lord of Love!  
Behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds yet visible above  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
and all be prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his piercèd feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
Glossed in a sea of light,  
where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne-the Infinite!  
who lives-and loves-and saves.

Words: Matthew Bridges (1800-94)

Music: DIADEMATA  
George Elvey (1816-93)

§ *Please remain standing.*

## *The Blessing*

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;

✠ And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit, be among you and remain with  
you always.

All **Amen.**

A bendith Duw hollalluog,  
y Tad, y Mab, a'r Ysbryd Glân a  
fo yn eich plith ac a drigo gyda  
chwi yn wastad.

**Amen.**

§ *Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.*

## *The Closing Voluntary*

Chorale Fantasia on the Old Hundredth  
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

§ *The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship. Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*





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