

# CHORAL EVENSONG

*on The Feast of the Holy Cross*

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 | 4.00pm

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C A D E I R L A N  
**LLANDAF**  
C A T H E D R A L



Introit

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

from *St John Passion*

Responses

Paul Spicer (b. 1952)

Psalm

**110**

First Lesson

**Isaiah 63, 1-16**

Magnificat

**The Song of Mary**

Music: Richard Shephard (1949-2021)

Second Lesson

**1 Corinthians 1. 18-25**

Nunc Dimittis

**The Song of Simeon**

Music: Richard Shephard

Anthem

**Were you there?**

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: James Whitbourn (1963-2024)

Intercessions

**The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

Hymn

**There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom.**

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Voluntary

**Prelude from *Symphonie I***

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

# Hymn



There in God's garden stands the tree of wisdom  
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations:  
tree of all knowledge, tree of all compassion,  
tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says 'Our Saviour':  
there on its branches see the scars of suffering:  
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood  
feed on its lifeblood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;  
our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it;  
Yet, look, it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it,  
nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;  
Hear what the voice says, 'Come to me, ye weary:  
give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow:  
I will give blessing.'

All heaven is singing, 'Thanks to Christ whose Passion  
offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon:  
peoples and nations, take it, take it freely.'  
Amen, my Master.

Words: Erik Routley (1917-82)  
based on the Hungarian of  
Pécseiyi Király Imre (c.1590-c.1641)

Music: DIVA SERVATRIX  
*Bayeux Antiphoner* (1739)  
Harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)