



# CHORAL EVENSONG And Choir Residency Commissioning

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5:00pm

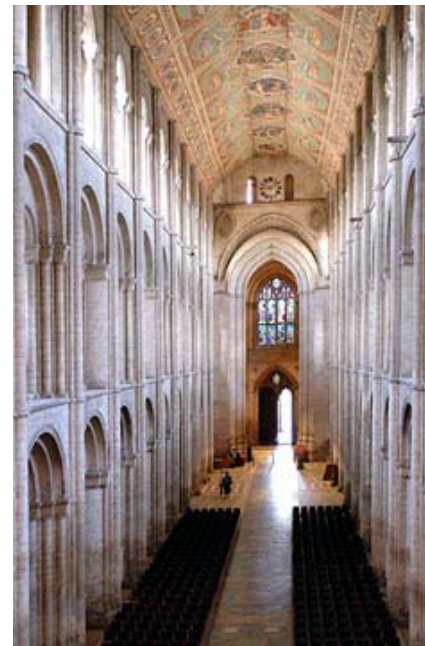
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### About the Office of Evensong

*Evensong (Evening Prayer) is the Anglican derivation by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) from the Roman canonical evening hours of Vespers and Compline. Following the English Reformation, Evensong (as well as the morning Office of Matins, Cranmer's compilation of the Roman hours of Matins, Lauds, and Prime) was sung daily in cathedral and collegiate churches to modified adaptations of traditional chant. These chants evolved into elaborate settings with improvised harmonies, and thus this music was written down for the Daily Offices. Eventually boys' voices joined the men's voices and countless composers seized the opportunity to write music for this unique sound. It is from the Daily Offices that comes the greatest wealth of our rich heritage of Anglican music. This evening we pray with song and with silence. We place before God our petitions and pray on behalf of all those who are not in attendance.*

*This evening's service is a commissioning service for the Choir as they are about to embark on a pilgrimage to England to serve as choir in residence for Ely Cathedral. This order of service is taken from The Book of Common Prayer, 1662, which is the Prayer Book the Choir will be using while in England.*

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Ely Cathedral

Voluntary

Cortège et Litanie, Op 19, No 2

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

*All stand at the entrance of the Clergy and Choir.*

Introit

O Lorde, the maker of al thing

John Joubert  
(b. 1927)

*O Lorde, the maker of al thing,  
We pray Thee nowe in this evening  
Us to defende, through Thy mercy,  
From all deceite of our enemy.  
Let neither us deluded be, Good Lorde,  
with dreame or phantasy,  
oure hearte wakyng in Thee Thou kepe,  
That we in sinne fal not on slepe.  
O Father, throughe Thy blessed Sonne,  
Grant us this oure petition,  
To whom with the Holy Ghost always,  
In heaven and yearth be laude and praise.*

*At the beginning of Evening Prayer the Minister shall read with a loud voice some one or more of these Sentences of the Scriptures that follow. And then the Minister shall say that which is written after the said Sentences.*

I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. *Psalms 51:3*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
*John 1:8,9*

*Silence is kept*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.*

*Officiant* Almighty and most merciful Father,

*All* We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
We have offended against thy holy laws,  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
And we have done those things which we ought not to have done,  
And there is no health in us:  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;  
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,  
Restore thou them that are penitent,  
According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All Stand*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Sung by the Choir*

Preces in G

John Linker

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.  
R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise  
V. O God, make speed to save us.  
R. 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.  
V. Praise ye the Lord.  
R. The Lord's name be praised.

## Phos Hilaron

*Sung by the Choir*

O blest creator of the light Ely Cathedral Office Hymn 202

*O blest creator of the light, Who makest day with radiance bright,  
And o'er the forming world didst call The light from chaos first of all:*

*Whose wisdom joined in meet array The morn and eve, and named them Day:  
Night comes with all its darkling fears; Regard thy people's prayers and tears:*

*Lest, sunk in sin and whelm'd with strife, They lose the gift of endless life;  
While, thinking but the thoughts of time, They weave them chains of guilt and crime.*

*But grant them grace that they may strain The heavenly gate and prize to gain:  
Each harmful lure aside to cast, And purge away each error past.*

*O Father, that we ask be done, Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son,  
Who with the Spirit and with thee Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.*

*The congregation is seated. Then shall be said or sung the Psalms in order as they be appointed. Then a Lesson of the Old Testament, as is appointed. And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in English, as followeth.*

Psalm 74

*Ud quid, Deus?*

Chants: Sir John Stainer, Tanner Jones

- 1 O God wherefore art thou absent from us so long :  
why is thy wrath so hot against the sheep of thy pasture?
- 2 O think upon thy congregation :  
whom thou hast purchased and redeemed ofold.
- 3 Think upon the tribe of thine inheritance :  
and mount Sion where in thou hast dwelt.
- 4 Lift up thy feet that thou mayest utterly destroy every enemy :  
which hath done evil in thy sanctuary.
- 5 Thine adversaries roar in the midst of thy congregations :  
and set up their banners for tokens.
- 6 He hath hewed timber afore out of the thick trees :  
was known to bring it to an excellent work.
- 7 But now they break down all the carved work thereof :  
with axes and hammers.
- 8 They have set fire upon thy holy places :  
and have defiled the dwelling-place of thy Name even unto the ground.
- 9 Yea they said in their hearts Let us make havoc of them altogether :

- thus they have burnt up all the houses of God in the land.
- 10 We see not our tokens, there is not one prophet more :  
no not one is there among us that understandeth any more.
- 11 O God how long shall the adversary do this dishonour :  
how long shall the enemy blaspheme thy Name for ever?
- 12 Why withdrawest thou thy hand :  
why pluckest thou not thy right hand  
out of thy bosom to consume the enemy?
- 13 For God is my King of old :  
the help that is done upon earth he doeth it himself.
- 14 Thou didst divide the sea through thy power :  
thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
- 15 Thou smotest the heads of Leviathan in pieces :  
and gavest him to be for the people in the wilderness.
- 16 Thou broughtest out fountains and waters out of the hard rocks :  
thou driedst up mighty waters.
- 17 The day is thine and the night is thine :  
thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
- 18 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth :  
thou hast made summer and winter.
- 19 Remember this O Lord how the enemy hath rebuked :  
and how the foolish people hath blasphemed thy Name.
- 20 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the enemies :  
and forget not the congregation of the poor forever.
- 21 Look up on the covenant :  
for all the earth is full of darkness and cruel habitations.
- 22 O let not the simple go away ashamed :  
but let the poor and needy give praise unto thy Name.
- 23 Arise O God maintain thine own cause :  
remember how the foolish man blasphemeth thee daily.
- 24 Forget not the voice of thine enemies :  
the presumption of them that hate  
thee increaseth ever more and more.

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 First Lesson: 1 Samuel 17:50 – 18:4

Reader: A Lesson from First Samuel.

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, striking down the Philistine and killing him; there was no sword in David's hand. Then David ran and stood over the Philistine; he grasped his sword, drew it out of its sheath, and killed him; then he cut off his head with it.

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. The troops of Israel and Judah rose up with a shout and pursued the Philistines as far as Gath and the gates of Ekron, so that the wounded Philistines fell on the way from Shaaraim as far as Gath and Ekron. The Israelites came back from chasing the Philistines, and they plundered their camp. David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

When Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, 'Abner, whose son is this young man?' Abner said, 'As your soul lives, O king, I do not know.' The king said, 'Inquire whose son the stripling is.' On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, 'Whose son are you, young man?' And David answered, 'I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.'

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armour, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

*Silence is kept.*

*All stand as the Choir sings the Magnificat.*

Magnificat (*The Song of Mary*)

Sumsion in A

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.  
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 shewed 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.

*All are seated.*

## The Second Lesson: Matthew 23:29-39

Reader: A Lesson from the Gospel of Matthew.

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, and you say, “If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation.

‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Silence is kept.

*All stand as the Choir sings the Nunc dimittis.*

Nunc dimittis (*The Song of Simeon*)

Sumsion in A

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.

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.*

## The Apostles' Creed

(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 Catholick Church,  
The Communion of Saints,  
The Forgiveness of sins,  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*Sung by the Choir*

Responses in G

John Linker

V. The Lord be with you.  
R. And with thy spirit.  
V. Let us pray.

*The Congregation kneels, as the Choir remains standing.  
A brief silence is kept.*

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

*The Choir continues*

Our Father which 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 them that trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil. Amen.



V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
 R. And grant us thy salvation.  
 V. O Lord, save the State.  
 R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
 V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
 R. And make thy chosen people joyful.  
 V. O Lord, save thy people.  
 R. And bless thine inheritance.  
 V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
 R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
 V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
 R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*Then shall follow three Collects: The first of the day: The second for Peace: The third for Aid against all Perils, as hereafter followeth: which two last Collects shall be daily said at Evening Prayer without alteration.*

## The Collects

### *A Collect For Travelers*

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve the Choir in their travels; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Choir) *Amen.*

### *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.*

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 both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of all enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. (Choir) *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 Saviour Jesus Christ. (Choir) *Amen.*

*All stand for the Commissioning of the Choir to sing in residence in Ely Cathedral.*

## The Commissioning

*Officiant* Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to serve as Choir in Residence for Ely Cathedral in England.

*Choirmaster* I present to you these people to be commissioned to represent the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Diocese of Lexington, and the Episcopal Church as they travel to England to serve as Choir in Residence for Ely Cathedral

*Officiant* David commanded the chief of the Levites to appoint musicians who should play loudly on musical instruments, on harps and lyres and cymbals, to raise sounds of joy.

*Officiant* When the song was raised in the praise of the Lord:  
*People* *The glory of the Lord filled the house of God.*

*Officiant* Let us pray. (*Silence*)  
O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Name of God and of this congregation, I commission you the Choir of the Church of the Good Shepherd to serve as Choir in Residence for Ely Cathedral.

*All say the Chorister's Prayer*

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple.  
Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts;  
And that what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Congregation is seated.*

*In Quires and Places where they sing here followeth the Anthem.*

The Anthem

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré  
(1845-1924)

*Verbe égal au Très-Haut, notre unique  
espérance, Jour eternal de la terre et des  
cieux, De la paisible nuit nous rompons le  
silence: Divin Saveur, jette sur nous les  
yeux!*

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grace  
puissante;  
Que tou l'enfer fui au son de ta voix;  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,*

*Word of God, one with the Most high, in whom  
alone we have our hope, Everlasting light of  
heaven and earth,  
We break the silence of the peaceful night;  
Saviour divine, cast thine eyes upon us!*

*Pour on the fire of thy mighty grace,  
That all hell may flee at the sound of thy voice:  
Banish the slumber of a weary soul,  
That brings forgetfulness of thy laws!*

*Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

*O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle  
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé;  
Reçois les chants qu'il offer à ta gloire  
immortelle; Et de tes dons  
qu'il retourne comblé!*

*O Christ, look with favour upon thy  
faithful people*

*Now gathered here to praise thee;  
Receive their hymns offered to thy endless glory;  
May they go forth filled with thy gifts!*

*All stand to sing*

NEH Hymn 374    How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

*St Peter*

*During the Hymn an offering is received to benefit the  
choir program of the Church of the Good Shepehrd.*

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - lie - ver's ear! It  
2. It makes the wound-ed spi - rit whole, And calm the troub-led breast; Tis  
3. Dear name! the rock on which I build, My shield and hid - ing place, My  
4. Je - sus! my Shep-herd, Bro - ther, Friend, My Pro-phet, Priest, and King, My  
5. Weak is the ef - fort of my heart, And cold my warm-est thought; But  
6. Till then I would thy love pro - claim With ev - ery fleet - ing breath; And

soothes his sor-rows, heals his wounds, And drives a - way his fear.  
man - na to the hun - gry soul, And to the wear - y rest.  
nev - er fail - ing treas - ury filled With bound - less stores of grace.  
Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.  
when I see thee as thou art, I'll praise thee as I ought.  
may the mu - sic of thy name Re - fresh my soul in death.

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

*Officiant* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*The Office concludes with all saying together*

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.

Psalm 150 *Sung by the Choir in procession*

Chant: Talbot

*Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.*

*All remain standing until the Clergy and Choir exit. The Congregation is invited to be seated or quietly exit during the concluding voluntary.*

Voluntary

Finale Jubilate

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

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