

Choral Evensong

Saturday, 1st August, 2026



*Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong, led by The Reverend Nitano Muller,
Canon for Worship and Welcome.*

*Today we welcome Thames Philharmonic Choir, directed by Harry Bradford. The
organist is Richard Leach.*

The responses are those by Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656).

*We encourage our visitors to take photographs of our beautiful cathedral,
but please no photography during the service.*

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Psalm 45

1. My heart is inditing of a good matter ♦
I speak of the things which I have made unto the King.
2. My tongue is the pen ♦
of a ready writer.
3. Thou art fairer than the children of men ♦
full of grace are thy lips, because God hath blessed thee for ever.
4. Gird thee with thy sword upon thy thigh, O thou most Mighty ♦
according to thy worship and renown.
5. Good luck have thou with thine honour ♦
ride on, because of the word of truth , of meekness, and righteousness;
and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
6. Thy arrows are very sharp,
and the people shall be subdued unto thee ♦
even in the midst among the King's enemies.
7. Thy seat, O God, endureth for ever ♦
the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
8. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity ♦
wherefore God, even thy God,
hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
9. All thy garments smell of myrrh, aloes, and cassia ♦
out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

10. Kings' daughters were among thy honourable women ♦
upon thy right hand did stand the queen in a vesture of gold,
wrought about with divers colours.
11. Hearken, O daughter, and consider, incline thine ear ♦
forget also thine own people, and thy father's house.
12. So shall the King have pleasure in thy beauty ♦
for he is thy Lord God, and worship thou him.
13. And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift ♦
like as the rich also among the people shall make their supplication
before thee.
14. The King's daughter is all glorious within ♦
her clothing is of wrought gold.
15. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needle-work ♦
the virgins that be her fellows shall bear her company,
and shall be brought unto thee.
16. With joy and gladness shall they be brought ♦
and shall enter into the King's palace.
17. Instead of thy fathers thou shalt have children ♦
whom thou mayest make princes in all lands.
18. I will remember thy Name from one generation to another ♦
therefore shall the people give thanks unto thee, world without end.

The First Lesson

¹ In the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that when the house of Judah hears of all the disasters that I intend to do to them, all of them may turn from their evil ways, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

⁴ Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the LORD that he had spoken to him. ⁵And Jeremiah ordered Baruch, saying, 'I am prevented from entering the house of the LORD; ⁶so you go yourself, and on a fast day in the hearing of the people in the LORD's house you shall read the words of the LORD from the scroll that you have written at my

dictation. You shall read them also in the hearing of all the people of Judah who come up from their towns. ⁷It may be that their plea will come before the LORD, and that all of them will turn from their evil ways, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people.’ ⁸And Baruch son of Neriah did all that the prophet Jeremiah ordered him about reading from the scroll the words of the LORD in the LORD’s house.

⁹ In the fifth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, in the ninth month, all the people in Jerusalem and all the people who came from the towns of Judah to Jerusalem proclaimed a fast before the LORD. ¹⁰Then, in the hearing of all the people, Baruch read the words of Jeremiah from the scroll, in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah son of Shaphan the secretary, which was in the upper court, at the entry of the New Gate of the LORD’s house.

¹¹ When Micaiah son of Gemariah son of Shaphan heard all the words of the LORD from the scroll, ¹²he went down to the king’s house, into the secretary’s chamber; and all the officials were sitting there: Elishama the secretary, Delaiah son of Shemaiah, Elnathan son of Achbor, Gemariah son of Shaphan, Zedekiah son of Hananiah, and all the officials. ¹³And Micaiah told them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the scroll in the hearing of the people. ¹⁴Then all the officials sent Jehudi son of Nethaniah son of Shelemiah son of Cushi to say to Baruch, ‘Bring the scroll that you read in the hearing of the people, and come.’ So Baruch son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand and came to them. ¹⁵And they said to him, ‘Sit down and read it to us.’ So Baruch read it to them. ¹⁶When they heard all the words, they turned to one another in alarm, and said to Baruch, ‘We certainly must report all these words to the king.’ ¹⁷Then they questioned Baruch, ‘Tell us now, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?’ ¹⁸Baruch answered them, ‘He dictated all these words to me, and I wrote them with ink on the scroll.’

Jeremiah 36:1-18

The Magnificat

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by George Dyson (1883-1964)

The Second Lesson

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. ¹²Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your 'Yes' be yes and your 'No' be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

James 5:7-End

The Nunc Dimittis

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The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Anthem

Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.

*Words from the Office of Compline
Music by Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

The Hymn

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

*Words by Richard Gillard (b. 1953)
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12 – 12:10pm: *The Litany of Reconciliation*

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4 – 5pm: *Choral Evensong*