

CANTATA VESPERS

Sat. 15th February, 5pm

Ein jeder läuft, der in den Schranken läuft
G.P. Telemann

Run to win the prize that lasts forever
1 Cor. 9: 24-27

Featuring Kolitha Jayatunge, tenor and Kathryn Orbell, baroque
flute

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Leading the service today: Kathryn Orbell, Matthew Burns, baroque flutes; Kolitha Jayatunge, tenor; Martin Griffiths, cello; Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 15th March: *Ich dancke dir, Herr daß du zornig bist gewesen* G.H. Stölzel

OPENING

PRELUDE : Andante and Tempo giusto from *Sonata in e minor for two flutes* by Schulze

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

We stand to sing

THE OPENING HYMN

Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Trans. by John Cosin, 1627

Plainsong melody, Mechlin form
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

Unison

1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire And light - en with ce -
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove Is com - fort, life, and
3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face With the a - bun - dance
4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And thee, of both, to

les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art
fire of love; En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
be but One; That through the ag - es all a - long

After last stanza

Who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
The dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
Where thou art guide no ill can come.
This may be our end - less song: Praise to thy e -

ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

Words: Latin, ninth century; trans. John Cosin, 162

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



The Lord is my light and my sal-va-tion: **my God shall make my dark-ness to be bright.**



The light and peace of Je-sus Christ be al-ways with you: **and al-so with you.**



Ble-ssed be you Lord God, cre a-tor of day and night; **to you be praise and glo ry for e ver.**

As darkness falls, you renew your promise to reveal among us the light of your presence. By the light of Christ your living word, dispel the darkness of our hearts that we may walk as children of light, and sing your praise throughout the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vespert light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the **HYMN OF LIGHT**

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes measure numbers 13, 17, and 21. The lyrics are: 'Hail, gladdening Light of his pure glo - ry poured. Who is the Immortal Fa - ther, Heaven - ly Blest, Ho - li - est of Ho - lies, Je - sus Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest. The lights of eve - ning round us shine. We hymn the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it Di - vine. Worthiest art Thou at all timesto be sung With un - de - fil - ed tongue. Son of our God, giv - er of life, A - lone; There - fore in all the world Thy glo - ries, Lord, they own. A - men'.

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Words: Greek; trans. John Keble, 1834

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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 Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Please join in singing

PSALM 46

CHANT: MARTIN LUTHER



1. GOD is our /hope and /strength: a very /present/ help in /trouble.
2. Therefore will we not fear, though the /earth be/ moved: and though the hills be carried /into. the /midst of. the/ sea;
3. Though the waters thereof /rage and /swell: and though the mountains shake at the /tempest/ of the same.
4. The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the /city. of /God: the holy place of the tabernacle /of the/ most/ Highest.
5. God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she /not be. re/moved: God shall /help her, and /that right /early.
6. The heathen make much ado, and the /kingdoms. are/ moved: but God hath shewed his voice, and the /earth shall/ melt away.
7. * The Lord of /hosts is /with us: the God of /Jacob /is our /refuge.
8. O come hither, and behold the /works of. the /Lord: what destruction he hath /brought up/on the /earth.
9. He maketh wars to cease in /all the/ world: he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the /chariots /in the /fire.

10. Be still then, and know that /I am/ God: I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted/ in the/ earth.
11. The Lord of /hosts is /with us: the God of /Jacob /is our /refuge

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. A/-men

WORD

We sit to hear

THE FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9: 24 – 10: 5

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

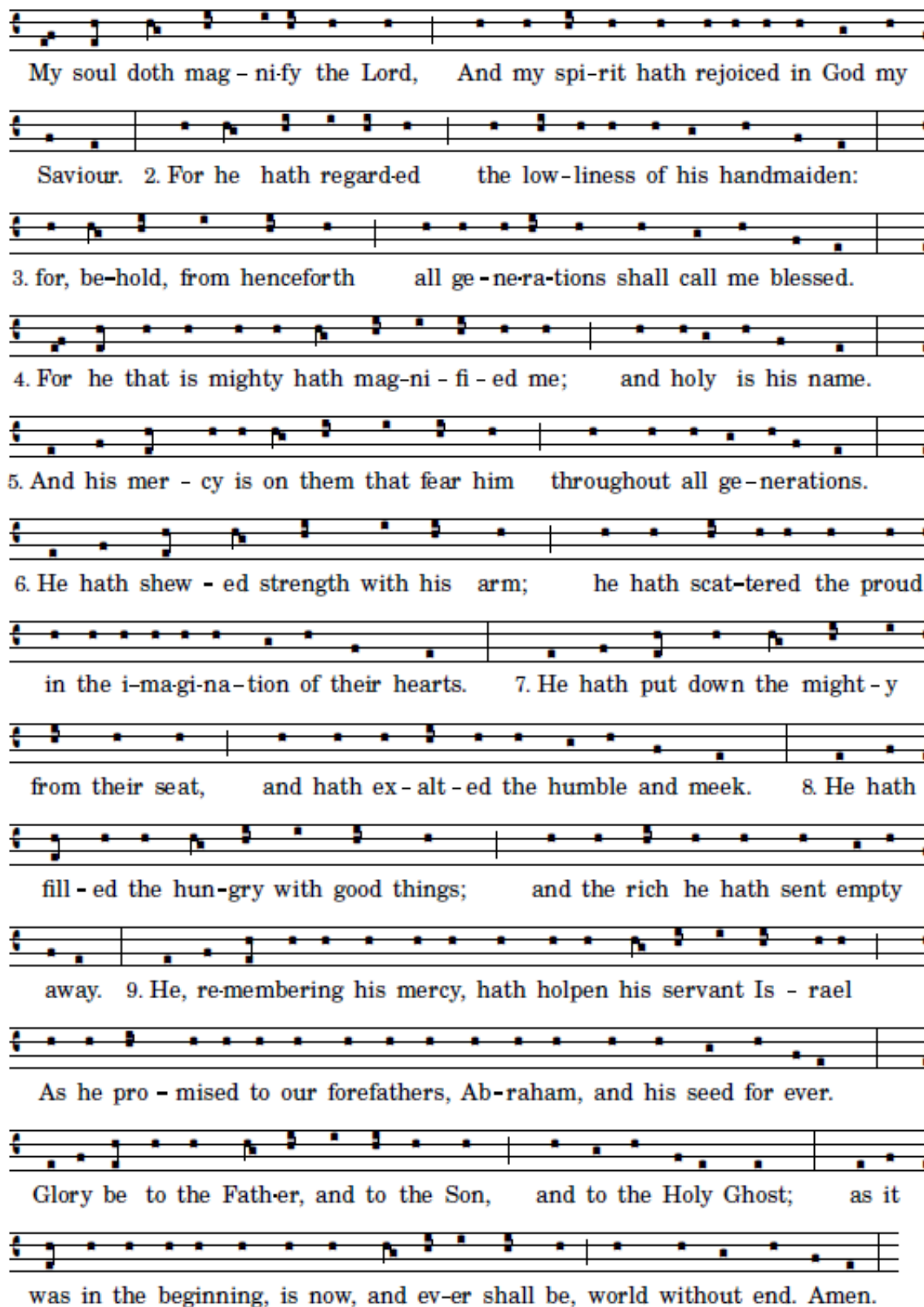
For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat tone VIII 1 solemn



My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, And my spi - rit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour. 2. For he hath regard - ed the low - liness of his handmaiden:
3. for, be - hold, from henceforth all ge - ne - ra - tions shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath mag - ni - fi - ed me; and holy is his name.
5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him throughout all ge - nerations.
6. He hath shew - ed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the proud
in the i - ma - gi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the might - y
from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the humble and meek. 8. He hath
fill - ed the hun - gry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty
away. 9. He, re - mem - bering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Is - rael
As he pro - mised to our forefathers, Ab - raham, and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Fath - er, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. Amen.

We sit to hear

THE SECOND READING: MATTHEW 20: 1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

Recitative: Everyone who runs, runs in the race, but he who runs best receives the reward: the jewel and the crown of honour. So run, that you may seize it!

Aria: Run, fence, fight, wrestle, until you win victory and honour!

Only comparable are the crowns that otherwise reward earthly fighters. But the glory of those who fight the battle of the spirit is immortal.

Recitative: But everyone who fights avoids all obstacles that can hinder his course, and so he runs, not as if to the unknown, he fights thus, not as one who beats the air in vain and, as he subdues the desires, numbs and tames the body, he holds on vigorously, till all the enemy's army, after tireless resistance, escapes defeated.

Aria: Stop, O man, and fight in faith! Hold on and go forward, O man, stop and go forward! So nothing can rob you of the jewel; and peace follows peace in the end.

Response

Eternal spirit flow through our being and open our lips;
That our mouths may proclaim your praise.

In response to tonight's cantata let us now stand and affirm our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

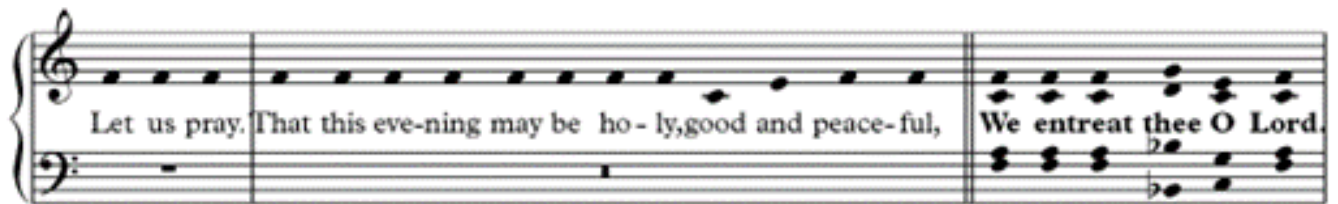
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living 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 life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

We sit or kneel

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

THE LITANY FOR PEACE



That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill **We entreat...**

That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offences, **We entreat...**

That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world, **We entreat...**

That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the
great judgement seat of Christ, **We entreat...**

That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of all thy saints,
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ, **We entreat...**

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth thine unending day upon us who watch for thee, that our lips may praise thee, our lives may bless thee, and our worship on the morrow may give thee glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

We stand to sing **THE CLOSING HYMN**

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Martin Shaw 1875-1958



1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.

2 Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

3 Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

4 Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

POSTLUDE: Allegro from *Voluntary III* attributed to G.F. Handel

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at www.bcponline

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