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## CHORAL EVENSONG

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28, 2024, 4:00 p.m.



Bill Snead, Duke University, 2017.

Welcome to Choral Evensong at Duke Chapel. You are welcome here, whether you are a student, a member of the community, or a visitor. Most of today's service is sung by the choir and clergy. The congregation is invited to participate through prayer and meditation and by singing the hymns. We thank you for joining us and hope that this offering of worship will be a blessing to you.

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Choral Evensong combines music, scripture, and prayer and is celebrated in cathedrals, churches, and chapels around the world, drawing people from diverse backgrounds and faith traditions. Its roots stretch back to early Temple worship, and its timeless beauty and contemplative nature make it a cherished tradition for regular worshippers, and for those seeking solace or reflection in their busy lives. Evensong has inspired composers to write some of their most beautiful music. We hope that these services will provide a restorative and uplifting experience. The services are live-streamed and archived on Duke Chapel's YouTube page.

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Today's service of Choral Evensong begins with Josef Rheinberger's *Abendlied*, the third motet in his *Drei geistliches Gesänge (Three Sacred Songs)*. Rheinberger initially composed this set in 1855, when he was sixteen. The pieces were not published until 1873, and *Abendlied* has since become one of Rheinberger's best-known choral works. The service continues with Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A*, one of his more ambitious canticle settings. Stanford first composed this piece for the Festival for the Sons of the Clergy in St. Paul's Cathedral in 1880, for choir and orchestra. He published a version with organ accompaniment shortly after that festival.

*Sing Ye to the Lord* was composed in 1911 and is one of Edward Bairstow's 29 choral anthems. In addition to composing, Bairstow made his career as a teacher and organist, becoming a widely celebrated conductor. He also published books on music theory and pedagogy. The text of *Sing Ye to the Lord* is by poet and translator Robert Campbell. Campbell also translated the text of *Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*, featured at Duke's Easter Choral Evensong, and the well-known hymn *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*.

The opening voluntary, taken from Percy Whitlock's *Seven Sketches on Verses from the Psalms*, is based on the second verse of Psalm 23: "He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters." *Préambule* is representative of much of Whitlock's organ writing, exploring a variety of the organ's colors within a relatively compact form. Though he wrote a few longer organ works, he is best known for his sets of shorter works. *Evening Song*, today's closing voluntary, is one of Bairstow's most popular organ works. With the solo reed and oscillating sixteenth note accompaniment at the opening, it shares the pastoral quality of Whitlock's *Préambule*.

## Organ Voluntary

Préambule

Percy Whitlock  
(1903–1946)

## Introit

Abendlied, Op. 69, No. 3

Josef Rheinberger  
(1839–1901)

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

*Stay with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.*

—*Luke 24:29*

\*Opening Hymn | See hymn printed at the end of the worship guide.

O Sons and Daughters

O FILII ET FILIAE

\*Opening Responses | Sung by the choir.

Matthew Martin

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.

\*All rise as able

## Psalmody

### Psalm 96

Chant: Alan Gray  
(1855–1935)

O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord and praise his Name:  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his honour unto the heathen:  
and his wonders unto all people.  
For the Lord is great and cannot worthily be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the heathen, they are but idols:  
but it is the Lord that made the heavens.  
Glory and worship are before him:  
power and honour are in his sanctuary.  
Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people:  
ascribe unto the Lord worship and power.  
Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due unto his Name:  
bring presents, and come into his courts.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King:  
and that it is he who hath made the round world so fast that it cannot be moved;  
and how that he shall judge the people righteously.  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad:  
let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is.  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it:  
then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the people with his truth.

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.

Acts 8:26–40

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Canticle

Magnificat (*Evening Service in A*)

Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852–1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord:  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my savior.  
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.

—*Luke 1:46–55*

1 John 4:7–21

Minister: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*Canticle

Nunc Dimittis (*Evening Service in A*)

C. V. Stanford

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.

—*Luke 2:29–32*

\*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 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\*The Responses | Sung by the choir.

M. Martin

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

*All sit or kneel as the choir continues.*

Let us pray.

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, keep this nation under thy care;

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 thine Holy Spirit from us.

*The following Collects are sung.*

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Anthem

Sing Ye to the Lord

Edward Bairstow  
(1874–1946)

Sing ye to the Lord,  
for He hath triumphed gloriously.  
Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
hath He cast into the sea.

Mighty Victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce powers beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
Thou hast opened Paradise,  
and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.  
Alleluia! Amen.

—*Exodus 15:21, 4; Robert Campbell (1814–1868)*

Prayers | The prayers conclude with the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom, said by all:

**Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**



**\*Benediction**

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People: **Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn** | See hymn printed at the end of the worship guide.

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

ST. BOTOLPH

Organ Voluntary

Evening Song

E. Bairstow

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

### Presiding Minister

Bruce Puckett . . . . . *Assistant Dean, Duke University Chapel*

### Lector

Max Miller . . . . . *Intern for Student Engagement, Duke University Chapel; Divinity '24*

### Crucifer

Andrew Plasker . . . . . *Intern for Worship, Duke University Chapel; Divinity '25*

### Musicians

Duke Chapel Evensong Singers . . . . . *Choir*

Philip Cave . . . . . *Conductor-in-Residence, Duke University Chapel*

Katherine Johnson . . . . . *Organ Scholar, Duke University Chapel*

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# OPENING HYMN | O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1. O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the
2. That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful wo - men
3. An an - gel clad in white they see, who sat and spake un -
4. That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a - midst them came their
5. On this most ho - ly day of days, to God your hearts and



glo - rious King, o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing.  
went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.  
to the three, "Your Lord doth go to Gal - i - lee."  
Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be on all here."  
voic - es raise, in laud and ju - bi - lee and praise.



(cont.)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! [Ant]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

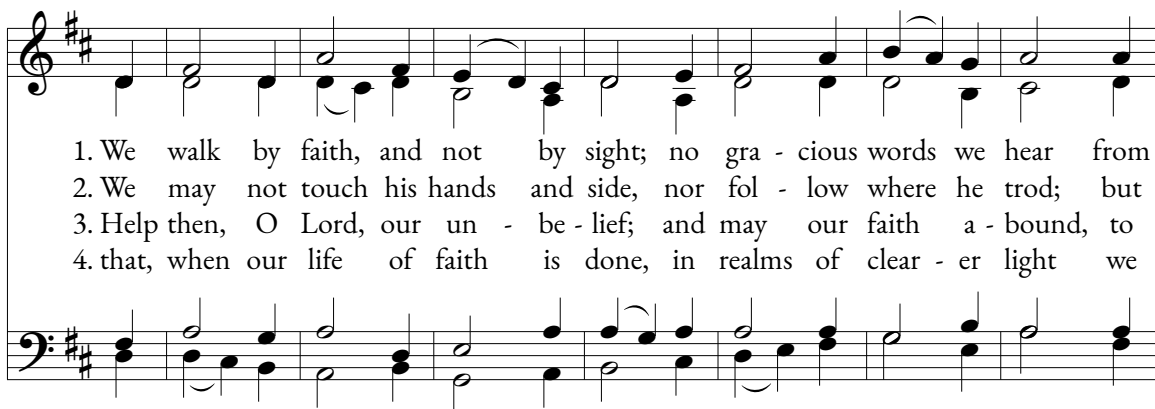
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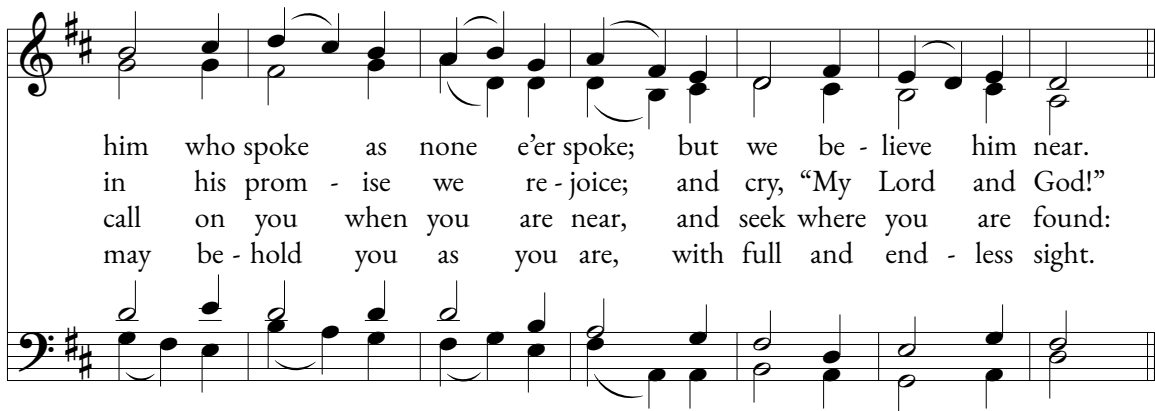
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## CLOSING HYMN | We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight



1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gra - cious words we hear from  
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor fol - low where he trod; but  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our faith a - bound, to  
4. that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear - er light we



him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
in his prom - ise we re - joice; and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:  
may be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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