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CHORAL MATTINS

sung by Chichester Cathedral Choir

THURSDAY 16TH JULY 2026
10.30AM

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the procession enters.

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ 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.

The Book of Common Prayer

Philip Moore (b. 1943)

Remain standing as the choir sings

VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us heartily rejoice in the strength
of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving: and shew ourselves
glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth: and the strength of the
hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our
Maker.

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and
the sheep of his hand.

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.

Psalm 95: 1-7

WELCOME

The Dean of Chichester

The Very Reverend Dr Edward Dowler

Please sit. The choir sings

PSALM 80

Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the cherubims.

Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses: stir up thy strength, and
come, and help us.

Turn us again, O God: shew the light of thy countenance, and we
shall be whole.

O Lord God of hosts: how long wilt thou be angry with thy people
that prayeth?

Thou feedest them with the bread of tears: and givest them plen-
teousness of tears to drink.

Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours: and our
enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, thou God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance,
and we shall be whole.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the
heathen, and planted it.

Thou madest room for it: and when it had taken root it filled the land.
The hills were covered with the shadow of it: and the boughs thereof
were like the goodly cedar-trees.

She stretched out her branches unto the sea: and her boughs unto
the river.

Why hast thou then broken down her hedge: that all they that go by
pluck off her grapes?

The wild boar out of the wood doth root it up: and the wild beasts of
the field devour it.

Turn thee again, thou God of hosts, look down from heaven: behold,
and visit this vine;

And the place of the vineyard that thy right hand hath planted: and
the branch that thou madest so strong for thyself.

It is burnt with fire, and cut down: and they shall perish at the rebuke
of thy countenance.

Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand: and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.

And so will not we go back from thee: O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts: shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

Please stand as the choir sings the Gloria:

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.

Please sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice;

only – you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.’

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, ‘These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.’

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, ‘No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.’ When Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to their voice and set a king over them.’ Samuel then said to the people of Israel, ‘Each of you return home.’

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS

We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
the Father of an infinite Majesty;
thine honourable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
and we worship thy Name, ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995) in G

Please sit.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Then Jesus told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

Luke 21: 29-end

Please stand. The choir sings the canticle

JUBILATE DEO

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and
come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not
we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts
with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth
endureth from generation to generation.

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.

Psalm 100

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) in C

Remain standing to say together

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All **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 catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The cantor and choir sing

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

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.

○ Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

○ Lord, save The King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

○ Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, ○ God.

○ God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECTS

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee
such good things as pass man's understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward thee,
that we, loving thee above all things,
may obtain thy promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom:
defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defence,
may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger;
but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

Please sit. The choir sings

THE ANTHEM

How fresh, O Lord, how sweet and clean
are thy returns! ev'n as the flowers in spring;
to which, besides their own demean,
the late-past frosts tributes of pleasure bring.
Grief melts away
like snow in May,
as if there were no such cold thing.

Who would have thought my shrivell'd heart
could have recover'd greenness? It was gone
quite underground; as flowers depart
to see their mother-root, when they have blown;
where they together
all the hard weather
dead to the world, keep house unknown.

And now in age I bud again,
after so many deaths I live and write;
I once more smell the dew and rain,
and relish versing: O my only light,
it cannot be
that I am he
on whom thy tempests fell all night.

These are thy wonders, Lord of love,
to make us see we are but flowers that glide:
which when we once can find and prove,
thou hast a garden for us, where to bide.
Who would be more,
swelling through store,
forfeit their Paradise by their pride.

THE PRAYERS

Please sit or kneel. The Prayers conclude with the Grace:

All **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.**

Please stand.

HYMN



**Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
make all men know he is your choice:
*Alleluia.***

**The first Apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful men and true,
sharing a faith for ever new:
*Alleluia.***

Then magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days:

Alleluia.

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then:

Alleluia.

Christ through all ages is the same;
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim:

Alleluia.

Let Love's unconquerable might
God's people everywhere unite
in service to the Lord of light:

Alleluia.

NEH 345
George Bell (1883-1958)

Vulpus (*Gelobt sei Gott*)
Melody from Vulpus' Gesangbuch (1609)

THE BLESSING

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

Played by Benedict Tanner, Chichester Cathedral Organ Scholar

TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN F BuxWV157

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

Please remain standing as the procession departs.