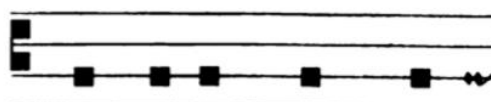


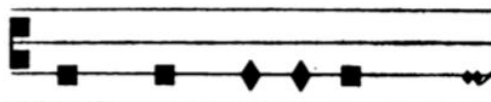


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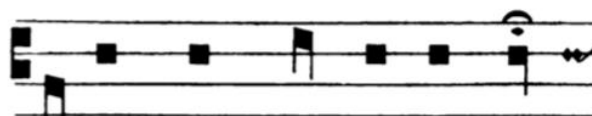


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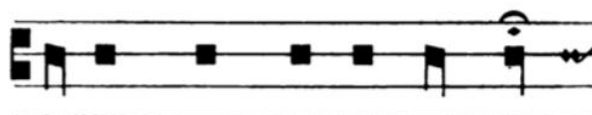
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3rd August 2025
6pm

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CHORAL EVENSONG

The Choir sing the INTROIT 'O Taste and See' by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Please stand when the bells are rung. A hymn is sung as the ministers and choir enter.

1. God of mercy and compassion,
look with pity upon me;
Father, let me call thee Father,
'tis thy child returns to thee.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
let me not implore in vain:
all my sins I now detest them,
never will I sin again.*

3. By my sins I have abandoned
right and claim to heaven above,
where the saints rejoice for ever
in a boundless sea of love.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
let me not implore in vain:
all my sins I now detest them,
never will I sin again.*

4. See our Saviour, bleeding, dying
on the cross of Calvary;
to that cross my sins have nailed him,
yet he bleeds and dies for me.

*Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;
let me not implore in vain:
all my sins I now detest them,
never will I sin again.*

*Edmund Vaughan 1827-1908
AHB 624*

The PRECES according to the Durham Use are sung

V. O Lord, open thou our lips. *Here it is customary to trace a cross on the lips.*
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O ✠ God, make speed to save us. *Here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*
R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
R. **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.**

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

Please sit as the Choir sing the PSALM.

[Psalm 86]

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me :
for I am poor, and in misery.
Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy :
my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.
Be merciful unto me, O Lord :
for I will call daily upon thee.
Comfort the soul of thy servant :
for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
For thou, Lord, art good and gracious :
and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.
Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer :
and ponder the voice of my humble desires.
In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee :
for thou hearest me.
Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord :
there is not one that can do as thou doest.
All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord :
and shall glorify thy Name.
For thou art great, and doest wondrous things :
thou art God alone.
Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth :
O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.
I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart :
and will praise thy Name for evermore.
For great is thy mercy toward me :
and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me :

and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy :

long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me :

give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed :

because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

Here it is customary to bow until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’

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

Remain seated for the FIRST LESSON from the Old Testament.

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

[26:1-16]

At the beginning of the reign of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah, this word came from the Lord: Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord’s house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord; speak to them all the words that I command you; do not hold back a word. It may be that they will listen, all of them, and will turn from their evil way, that I may change my mind about the disaster that I intend to bring on them because of their evil doings. You shall say to them: Thus says the Lord: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, and to heed the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently—though you have not heeded— then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.

The priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the Lord. And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, ‘You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, “This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant”?’ And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the Lord. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "It is the Lord who sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God, and the Lord will change his mind about the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, here I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will be bringing innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the Lord sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

Then the officials and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, "This man does not deserve the sentence of death, for he has spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God."

Here endeth the first lesson.

All stand for the Choir to sing the MAGNIFICAT, the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MY ✠ soul doth magnify the Lord: *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross*
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.
Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words ‘...Holy Ghost’
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.

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, by Charles Villiers Stanford in G

All sit for the SECOND LESSON from the New Testament.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew [23.23-29]

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practised without neglecting the others. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may become clean.

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous.

Here endeth the second lesson.

All stand for the Choir to sing NUNC DIMITTIS, the Song of Simeon

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.

Here it is customary to make a low bow from the waist until the words '...Holy Ghost'

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.

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The APOSTLES' CREED is said as all face the window of 'Christ the Light of the World'

I BELIEVE in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and in *here it is customary to make a slight bow* 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 ☩ *here it is customary to make the Sign of the Cross* of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The VERSICLES AND RESPONSES according to the Durham Use are sung

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

All kneel

V. Let us pray.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The LORD'S PRAYER is sung by the Choir and congregation.

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. Amen.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. **And grant us thy salvation.**

V. O Lord, save the King.

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.**

*The Officiant sings the COLLECTS: the first of the day, the second for Peace,
the third for Aid against all Perils*

GRANT, O Lord, that in all our sufferings here upon earth, for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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 Saviour. **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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please sit as the Choir sing the Anthem, 'O Taste and See' by John Goss

All kneel for the INTERCESSIONS, which conclude

✠ 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.

The NOTICES may be given here.

Please stand to sing the hymn.

A collection is taken up to support the life and mission of the parish.

1. God is my strong salvation,
what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation
my light, my help is near;

2. though hosts encamp around me,
firm to the fight I stand;
what terror can confound me,
with God at my right hand?

3. Place on the Lord reliance,
my soul with courage wait;
his truth my reassurance
when faint and desolate;

4. his might my heart shall strengthen,
his love my joy increase;
mercy my days shall lengthen,
the Lord will give me pace.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854 alt
AHB 493*

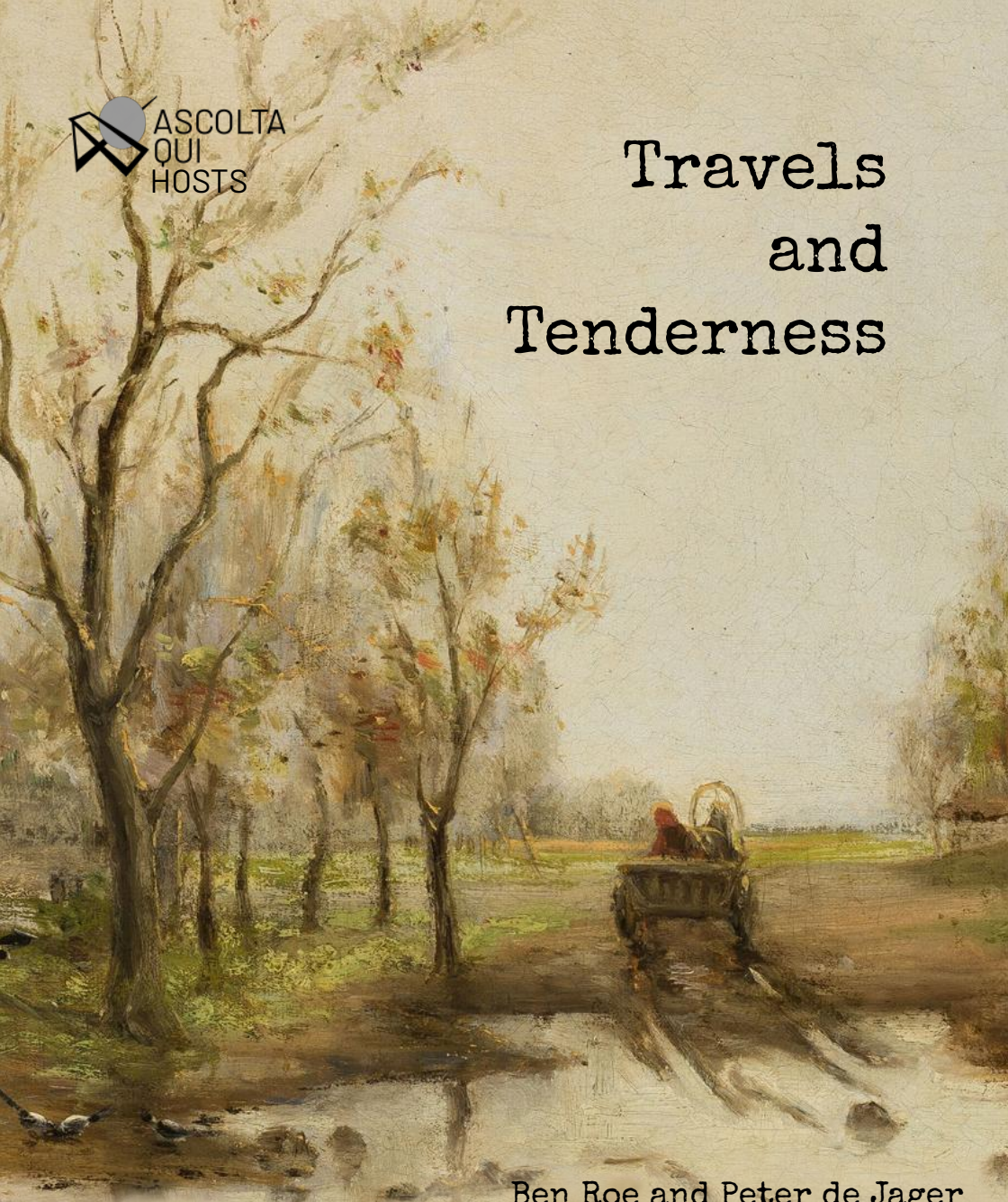
Remain standing for the BLESSING.

Please sit for the ORGAN POSTLUDE, the first movement from Sonata (op 98) in A minor by Josef Rheinberger

Please join us for Cheese and Wine following the service



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