

CANTATA VESPERS

SAT. 21ST SEPT, 5PM

Chr. Graupner: Wer sich aus Hochmuth selbst erhoht

Featuring Amy Thomas, soprano

Catherine Polglase and Kerry Langdon,
violins

Those who
exalt
themselves will
be humbled
and the
humble shall
be exalted
Luke 14: 11

Service with retiring collection
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Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 19th October

OPENING

PRELUDE : Andante from Trio Sonata in g minor by Handel

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

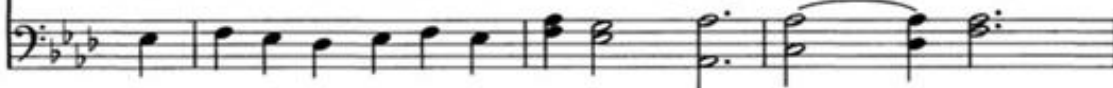
Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Trans. by John Cosin, 1627

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 -



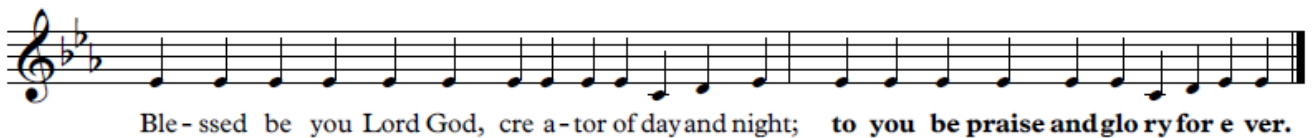
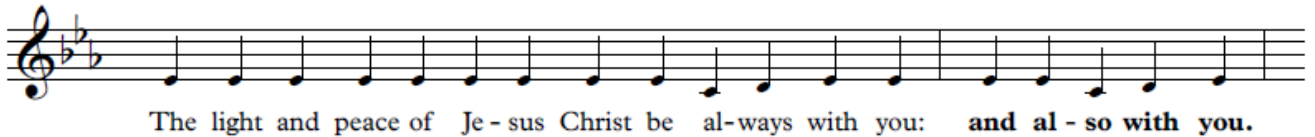
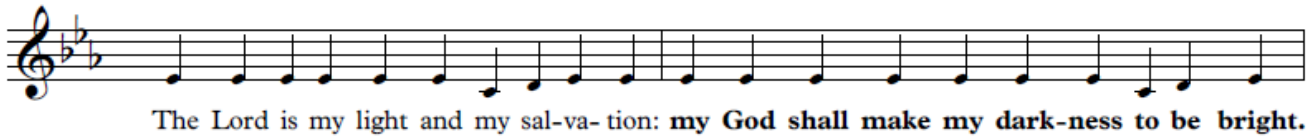
ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.



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

THE BLESSING OF LIGHT

Please sit or kneel



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 vesper 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, consisting of seven systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The music is in a key with two flats (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. 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". The score includes bar numbers 13, 17, and 21.

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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 119: 89-96

CHANT: WILLIAM CROTCH



89. O Lord, your word is/ ever-/lasting: it stands/ firm/ in the/ heavens.

90. Your faithfulness remains from one generation/ to a-/nother; you established the/ earth and/ it a-
/bides.

91. By your decree these continue/ to this/day: for/ all things/ are your/ servants.

92. If my delight had not been/ in your/ law: I should have/ perished. in/ my a-/ffliction.

93. I will never for/get. your com-/mandments,: because by / them you/ give me/ life.

94. I am/ yours, oh/ save me!: for I/ study/ your com-/mandments.

95. Though the wicked lie in wait for me/ to des-/troy me: I will apply my/ mind to/ your de-/crees.

96. I see that all things come/ to an/ end: but your com-/mandment/ has no/ bounds.

**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: EPHESIANS 4: 1-6

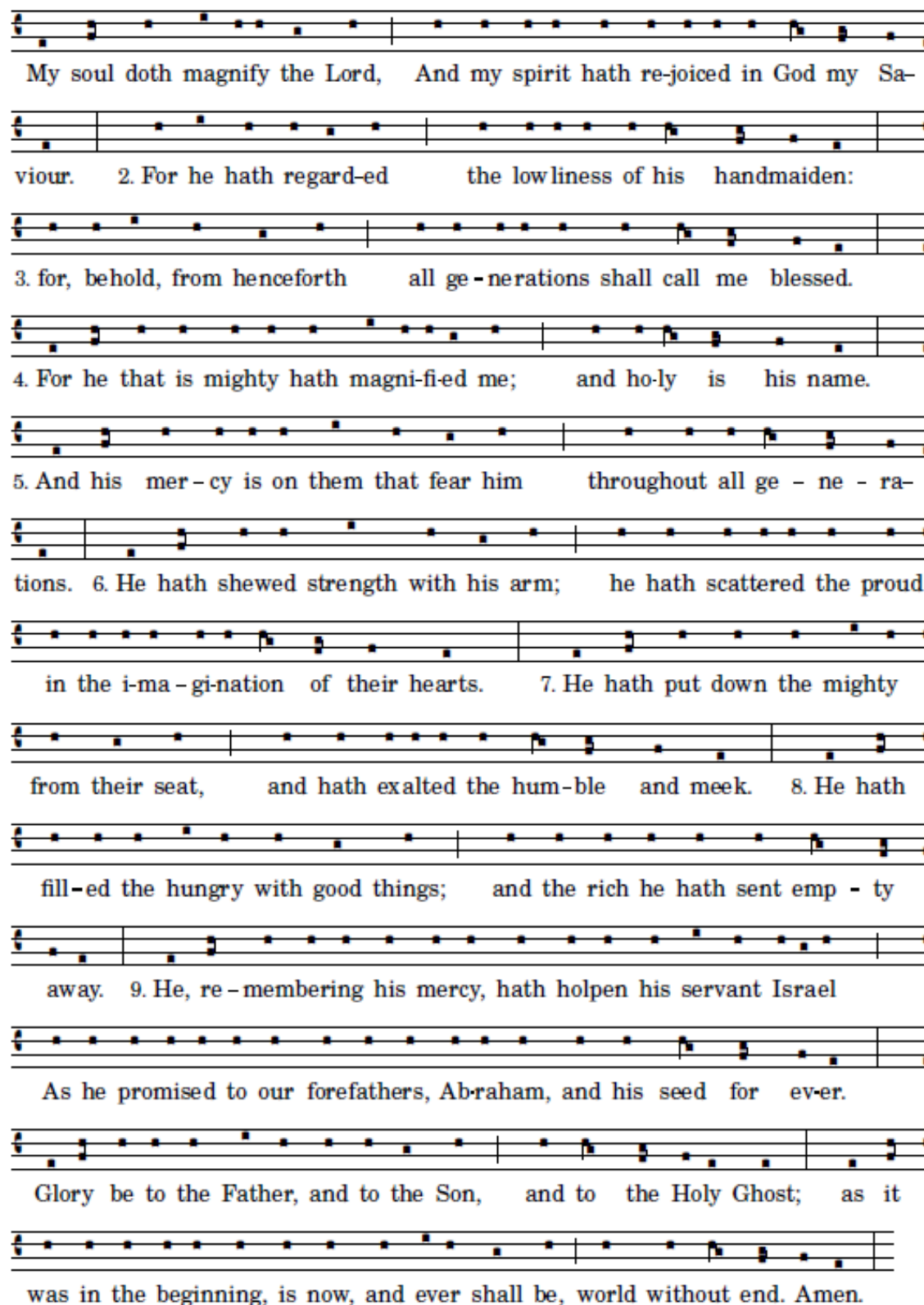
As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing

Magnificat tone III 2 solemn



My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath re-joiced in God my Sa-
vour. 2. For he hath regard-ed the lowliness of his handmaiden:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nerations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magni-fi-ed me; and ho-ly is his name.
5. And his mer-cy is on them that fear him throughout all ge - ne - ra-
tions. 6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud
in the i-ma-gi-nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, and hath exalted the hum-ble and meek. 8. He hath
fill-ed the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent emp - ty
away. 9. He, re - membering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel
As he promised to our forefathers, Ab-raham, and his seed for ev-er.
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.

We sit to hear

THE SECOND READING: LUKE: 14: 1-11

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body. Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” But they remained silent. So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.

Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” And they had nothing to say.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Here ends the second Lesson

Thanks be to God

THE CANTATA

Aria: Whoever exalts himself out of pride shall be humbled. But he alone who kisses humility and embraces it in his soul becomes the most powerful on earth.

Recitative: You others may think of highness, I never want to offend myself, when I am all bad and low. What is a high estate? An uncertain pledge, a beautiful rainbow, that often vanishes in an instant; a garden where alone the roses of sorrow bloom and flowers of sorrow stand; a bright sunshine, but around which often quite unexpectedly, many black clouds gather. He who sighs for majesty must walk on thorns and thistles at the same time. Therefore, I will not bear this yoke, and will say by my humility:

Aria: Bend down before your Jesus, and press humility within; this is the way to the path of honour. But he who climbs only for majesty and shows a proud heart, he is done for in a moment.

Translated with DeepL.com (free version)

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:

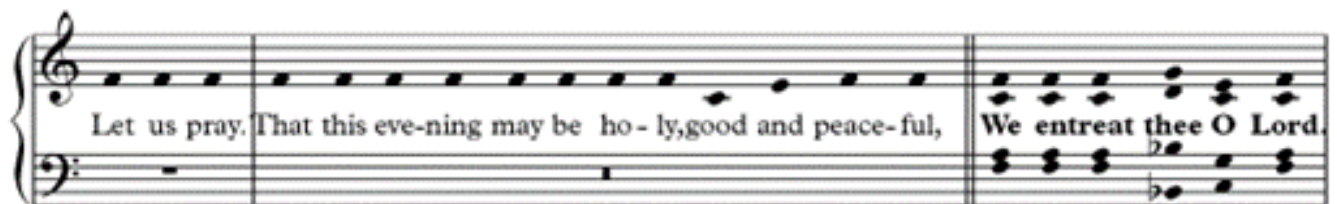
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from 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**



Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

3 Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

4 Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

POSTLUDE: *Franconia* – Henry Coleman

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