

# CANTATA VESPERS

## SAT. 20TH JULY, 5PM

**Es ist dir gesagt, Mensch BWV 45**  
**Joh. Seb Bach**

You know what the Lord  
requires of you: live in love  
and be humble



**Leading the worship today:** Sarah Court, Koli Jayatunge, Ian Campbell, soloists; Amy Thomas, Claire Carpenter, Sally Rosenberg, Rob Carpenter, chorus; Kathryn Orbell and Malcolm Carmichael, flutes; George Guo, oboe; Catherine Polglase and Tony Wu, violins; Matilda Griffiths, viola; Martin Griffiths, cello and Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ. The Rev'd Wendy Tyrell.

**Next Cantata Vespers: 5pm Saturday 17th August 2024** *Ich bin der Herr, dein Arzt* by Joh. George Hoffmann



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# OPENING

## PRELUDE : *Arioso* from Cantata 156 by Joh. Seb. Bach

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, 1627

## 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 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. It consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 8, 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 24

CHANT: WILLIAM CROTCH



1. The earth is the Lord's and /all .that is/in it : the world and /all who/ dwell there/in.
2. For it is he who founded it up/on the/ seas: and made it firm upon the /ri-vers/ of the/deep.
3. Who can ascend the /hill. of the/ Lord?: and who can stand/in his/ holy/ place?
4. Those who have clean hands and a/pure/ heart,: who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor/  
sworn. by what/ is a fraud.
5. They shall receive a blessing/ from the/Lord: and a just reward from the /God of/ their sal/vation.
6. Such is the generation of /those. who/ seek him,: of those who seek your/ face. O/ God of/Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high O ever/lasting/doors; and the King of /glory/shall come/in.
8. "Who is this/ King of/glory?": The Lord strong and mighty, the /Lord/ mighty. in/ battle.
9. Lift up your heads O gates; lift them high O ever/lasting/doors: and the King of/ glory/ shall come/in.
10. "Who is he, this/King. of/ glory?": The Lord of hosts, he /is the/ King of glory.

**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: ROMANS 8: 12-17**

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

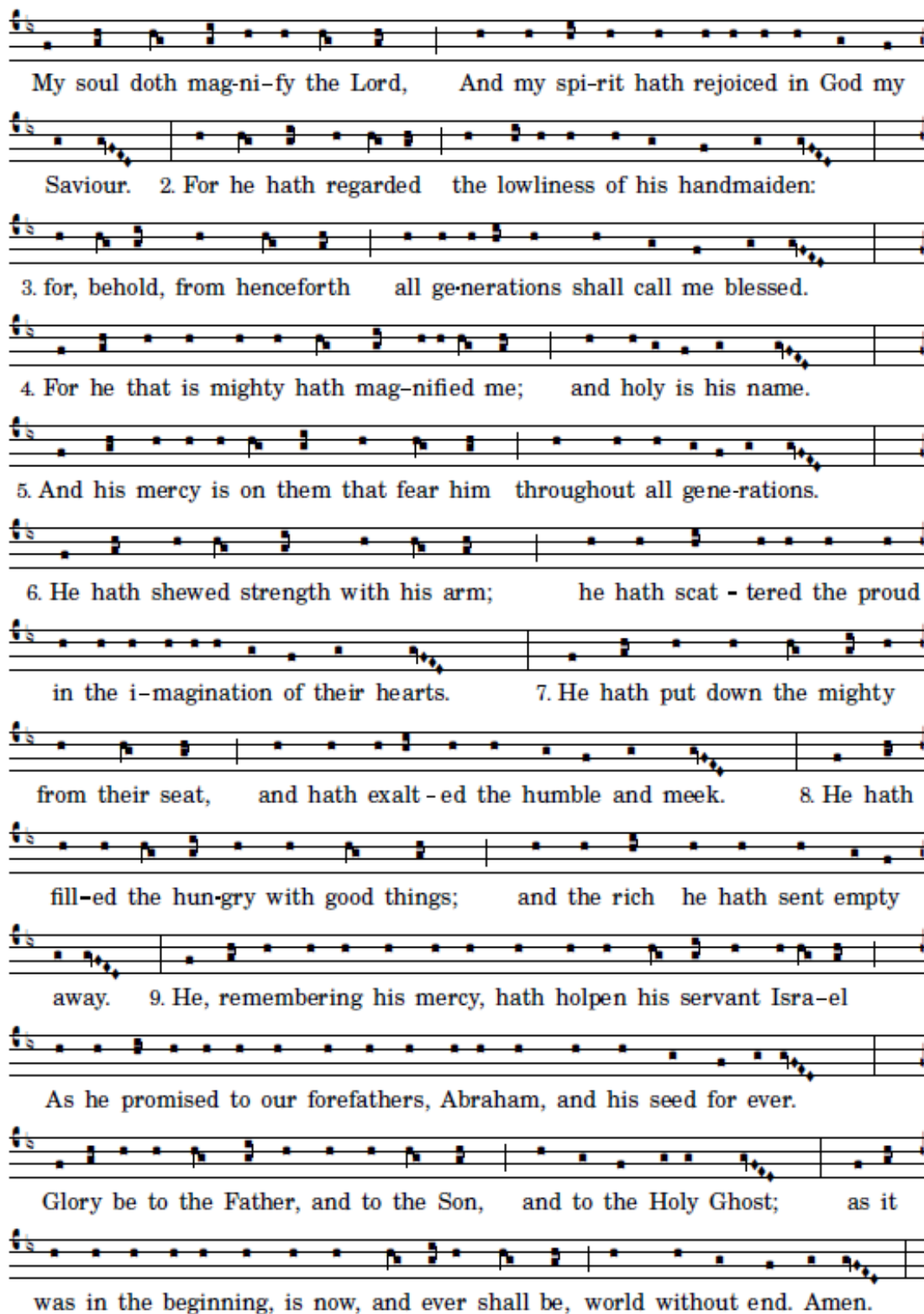
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Here ends the first Lesson  
**Thanks be to God**

*We stand to sing*

## Magnificat

tone I 5 solemn



My soul doth mag-ni-fy the Lord, And my spi-rit hath rejoiced in God my  
Saviour. 2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:  
3. for, behold, from henceforth all ge-nerations shall call me blessed.  
4. For he that is mighty hath mag-nified me; and holy is his name.  
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all gene-rations.  
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scat-tered the proud  
in the i-magination of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the mighty  
from their seat, and hath exalt-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, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Isra-el  
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.

*We sit to hear*

## **THE SECOND READING: MATTHEW 7: 15-23**

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

Here ends the second Lesson

**Thanks be to God**

## **THE CANTATA**

1. Chorus: You have been told, mankind, what is good and what the Lord requires of you, namely: to keep God’s word and to live in love and be humble before your God (Micah 6-8)
2. Recitative: The Highest lets me know his will and what pleases him well; He has revealed his word as the guiding principle which my foot should zealously follow at all times, with fear and humility and with love, as tests of the obedience which I practise in order as a faithful servant to pass future tests. (Isaiah 28: 17-18)
3. Aria: If I know God’s justice, that is what can help me, when from me as his servant he demands a strict account. Soul, consider how to save yourself: reward follows obedience; torment and shame threaten you when you transgress!
4. Aria: Many will say to me on that day: Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, have we not driven out devils in your name, have we not done many deeds in your name? Then I shall declare to them: I have never known you, all of you go away from me, you evildoers! (Matthew 7: 22-23)



5. Aria: Who acknowledges God from the true depths of his heart, him he will also be willing to acknowledge. But that person must burn for ever who only with his mouth names the Lord. (Mark 7: 6)
6. Recitative: Therefore my heart and mouth themselves will be my judges, and God wants to grant me my reward according to what I have intended: If now my way of life does not accord with his word, who afterwards will heal my soul's shame? Why then do I make an obstacle for myself? (Mark 8: 36) The Lord's will must happen, but his assistance is also certain, so that he may see his work in me accomplished well.
7. Chorale: Grant that I may do with diligence what it is proper for me to do, wherever your command leads me in my position! Grant that I may soon do it at the time when I should do it; and when I do it, then grant that it may turn out well!  
(Translation from bach-cantatas.com)

## 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:

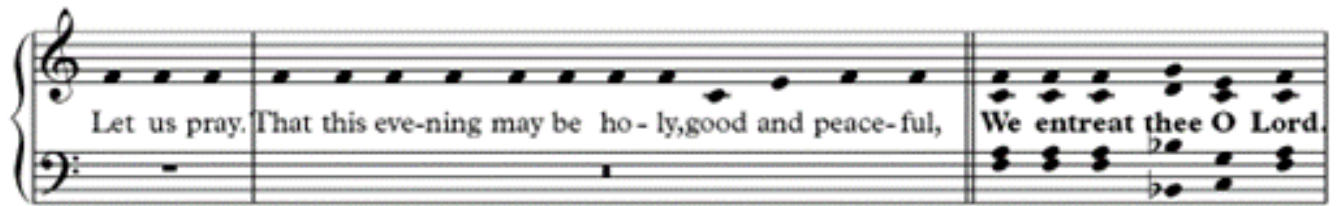
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again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

John Hatton, 1793

1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue,  
determined only you to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2 The task your wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.

3 May I find you at my right hand;  
your eyes see truly what I do.  
I labour on at your command  
and offer all my works to you.

4 For you I joyously employ  
whate'er you in grace have giv'n:  
I run my daily course with joy  
and closely walk with you to heav'n.

Text: John Newton

Music: John Hatton (Duke Street)

**POSTLUDE:** Voluntary in D major – Anonymous (XVIIIth c.)

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at [www.bcponlin](http://www.bcponlin)

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