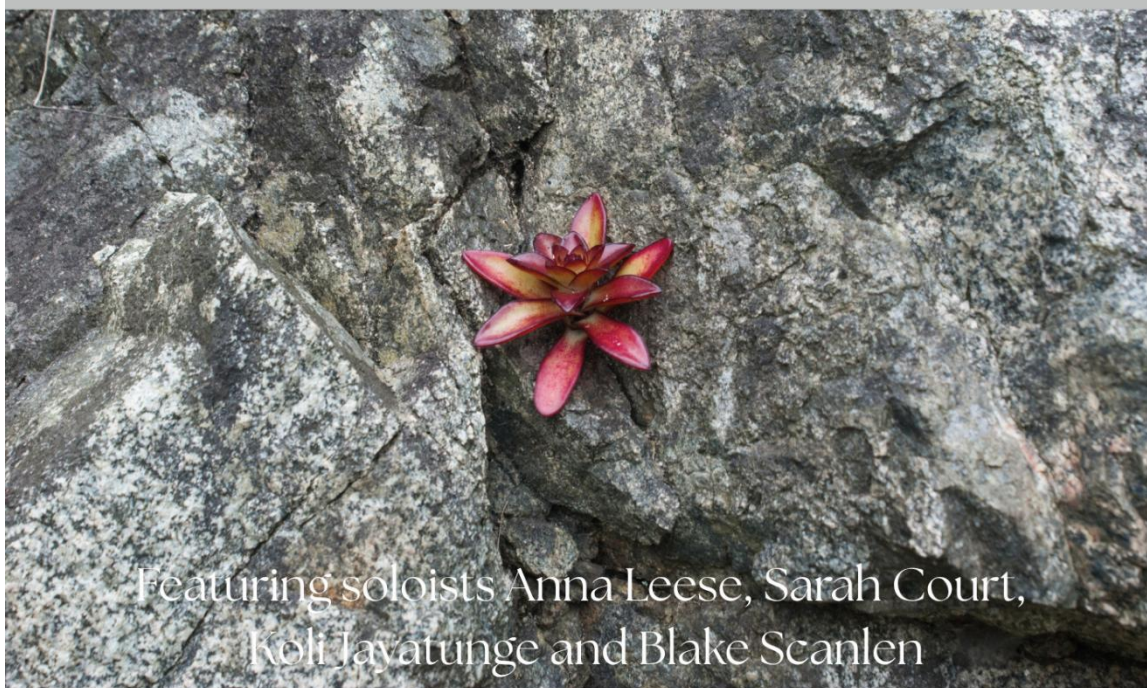


CANTATA VESPERS

SAT. 15TH AUGUST, 5PM

Wie dürft ich bitten, wenn mein Sinn by G.H. Stölzel



Featuring soloists Anna Leese, Sarah Court,
Koli Jayatunge and Blake Scanlen

*Cling firm to humility, for God resists the proud but to the
humble He gives grace. 1 Peter 5:5*

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Leading the service today: Anna Leese, Sarah Court, Koli Jayatunge, Blake Scanlen, soloists; Amy Thomas, Claire Carpenter, Isabella Reid, Sally Rosenberg, Bayley Goldstone, Ian Campbell, Ray Harlow, Francis Cowan, chorus; Catherine Polglase, Ted Chen, violin; Chris Nation, viola; Martin Griffiths, cello; Rachael Griffiths-Hughes, organ; Rev'd Wendy Tyrell

Next cantata vespers: 5pm Saturday 19th September 2026

OPENING

PRELUDE : Largo, from Trio Sonata III in B-flat by Arcangelo Corelli

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



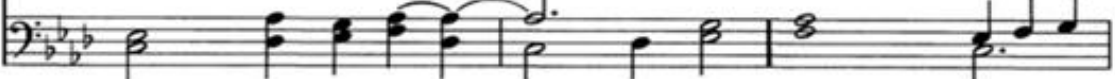
les - tial fire; Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art
fire of love; En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
of thy grace; Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
be but One; That through the ag - es all a - long



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



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 musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of seven systems of staves. Each system has a vocal staff (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves. 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 90: 1-12

CHANT: EDWIN EDWARDS



1. LORD, thou hast /been our/ refuge : from one gener/ation /to an/other.
2. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the /world were/ made : thou art God from everlasting, and /world with/out /end.
3. Thou turnest man /to des/truction : again thou sayest, Come a/gain, ye /children. of/ men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight are /but as/ yesterday : seeing that is past as a /watch/ in the/ night.
5. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even /as a/ sleep : and fade away /sudden.ly /like the /grass.
6. In the morning it is green, and /growth/ up : but in the evening it is cut /down, dried /up, and/ withered.
7. For we consume away in /thy dis/pleasure : and are afraid at thy /wrathful /indig/nation.
8. Thou hast set our mis/deeds be/fore thee : and our secret sins in the /light /of thy/ countenance.
9. For when thou art angry all our /days are/ gone : we bring our years to an end, as it /were a/ tale. that is/ told.
10. The days of our age are threescore/ years and/ ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it a/way, and /we are /gone.
11. But who regardeth the power /of thy/ wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, /so is /thy dis/pleasure.
12. So teach us to /number. our /days : that we may a/pply our/ hearts unto /wisdom.

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: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 1-10

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

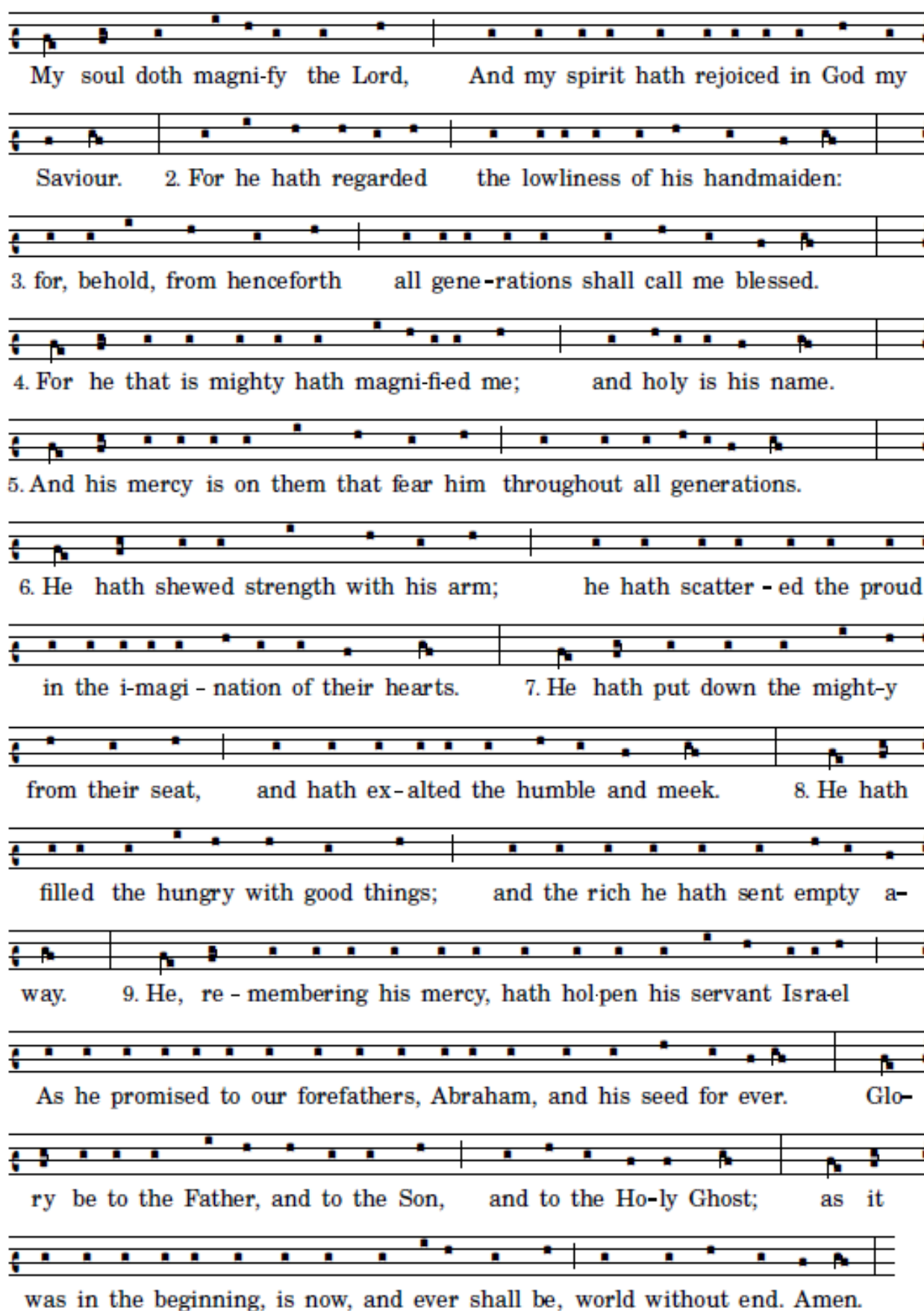
For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Here ends the first Lesson

Thanks be to God

We stand to sing THE MAGNIFICAT



1. My soul doth magni-fy the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my
Saviour. 2. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden:
3. for, behold, from henceforth all gene-rations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magni-fied me; and holy is his name.
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
6. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scatter - ed the proud
in the i-magi - nation of their hearts. 7. He hath put down the might-y
from their seat, and hath ex-alted the humble and meek. 8. He hath
filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty a-
way. 9. He, re - membering his mercy, hath hol-pen his servant Israel
As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ever. Glo-
ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly 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 18: 9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed:

‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. 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

1. **Chorus:** How might I pray, if my heart were filled with pride? Cling firmly to humility, for God resists the proud, but to the humble He gives grace. (1 Peter 5:5)
2. **Recitative:** The Pharisee goes into the temple, believing himself to be the sole example from whom the whole world learns virtue. Because he is so pleased with himself, he thanks God that he is not like other people.
The tax collector, however, remains at a distance, for he is afraid to approach as closely as the other; standing there in his humility, he is acutely aware of his sins, beats his breast with a sigh and says: ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ Yet how do they fare in the end? The Pharisee remains entangled in the snares of sin, whilst the tax collector is set free.
3. **Aria:** Does not pride dare to approach God’s presence so brazenly? Go, you conceited soul, away from God’s sight; He will resist you.

4. **Chorale:** How might I pray, when my heart is filled with pride? I know full well what I am when the grave conceals me: a conceited man is looked upon by God with scorn; a proud beggar becomes a laughing stock; he cannot endure, his hope must fade.
5. **Soprano/Bass duet:** O poor sinner, step back a little, and thus the star of grace will rise above your head. Cast down your weary eyes in true humility, and you will see them shine more brightly.
6. **Recitative:** Whoever exalts himself before God and cannot recall any sin has only himself to blame when he comes to ruin. But whoever appears before his God with a humble heart and sincerely repents of his sins will be exalted, I assure you:
7. **Repeat No. 1**

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:

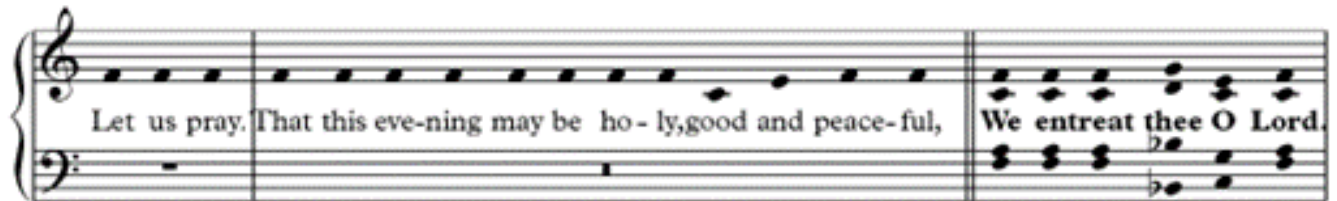
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from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



O Father, Thou whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy pard'ning love extend.

2 Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy saving grace extend.

3 Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy quick'ning pow'r extend.

4 Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
grace, pardon, life, to us extend

POSTLUDE: Praeludium in D – C.S. Binder (1723-1789)

The prayers and liturgy for tonight's service come from the Book of Common Prayer, as available at www.bcponline

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