

# Choral Evensong

- order of the day -  
March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Laurenskerk Rotterdam

## Organ Voluntary

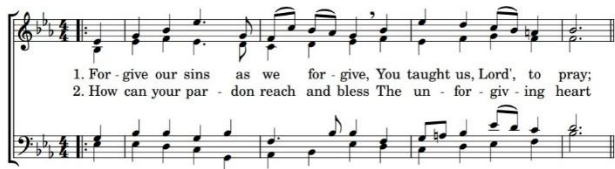
## Preces

Ph. Radcliffe (1905 – 1986)

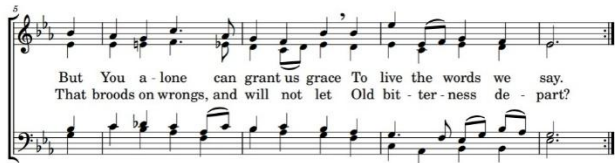
## Hymn

New English Hymnal No. 66

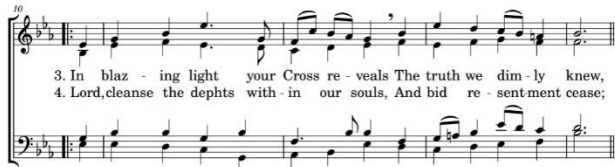
1. Choir, 2. Congregation, 3. Choir, 4. All



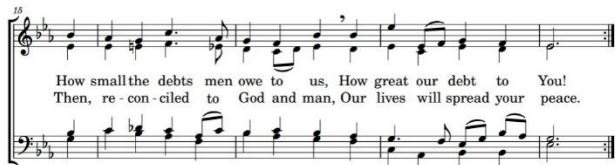
1. For - give our sins as we for - give, You taught us, Lord', to pray;  
2. How can your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart



But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.  
That broods on wrongs, and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?



3. In blaz - ing light your Cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew,  
4. Lord, cleanse the dephts with - in our souls, And bid re - sentment cease;



How small the debts men owe to us, How great our debt to You!  
Then, re - con - ciled to God and man, Our lives will spread your peace.

1. "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart,  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly know:  
how small the debts men owe to us,  
how great our debt to you.

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, reconciled to God and man,  
our lives will spread your peace.

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 119 (ESV): 161 – 176

<sup>161</sup> Princes persecute me without cause,  
but my heart stands in awe of your words.

<sup>162</sup> I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.

<sup>163</sup> I hate and abhor falsehood,  
but I love your law.

<sup>164</sup> Seven times a day I praise you  
for your righteous rules.

<sup>165</sup> Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.

<sup>166</sup> I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.

<sup>167</sup> My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.

<sup>168</sup> I keep your precepts and testimonies,  
for all my ways are before you.

<sup>169</sup> Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
give me understanding according to your word!

<sup>170</sup> Let my plea come before you;  
deliver me according to your word.

<sup>171</sup> My lips will pour forth praise,  
for you teach me your statutes.  
<sup>172</sup> My tongue will sing of your word,  
for all your commandments are right.  
<sup>173</sup> Let your hand be ready to help me,  
for I have chosen your precepts.  
<sup>174</sup> I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
and your law is my delight.  
<sup>175</sup> Let my soul live and praise you,  
and let your rules help me.  
<sup>176</sup> I have gone astray like a lost sheep;  
seek your servant,  
for I do not forget your commandments.

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.

### **The First Lesson**      Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15, 16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.  
<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

**Magnificat in G**    C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)

## **The Second Lesson**      Romans 11: 13 - 24

<sup>13</sup> Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry <sup>14</sup> in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? <sup>16</sup> If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches. <sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. <sup>19</sup> Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. <sup>23</sup> And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. <sup>24</sup> For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

**Nunc Dimittis in G**      C.V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

**Responses**              Ph. Radcliffe (1905 - 1986)

**The Lord's Prayer** Ph. Radcliffe (1905 – 1986)

**The Collect of the day**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your  
truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the  
same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**Anthem**

**Beati quorum via** C.V. Stanford (1852 – 1924)

**Spoken Prayers**

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Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

## Hymn

New English Hymnal No. 250

1 Congregation, 2 Choir, 3 Congregation, 4 All



1. Saviour, again to thy dear name we raise  
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon thy name.

2. Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
Turn thou for us its darkness into light;  
From harm and danger keep thy children free,  
For dark and light are both alike to thee.

3. Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life;  
Peace to thy Church from error and from strife;  
Peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
Peace in each heart, thy Spirit from above.

4. Thy peace in life, the balm of every pain;  
Thy peace in death, the hope to rise again;  
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
Call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.

## The Blessing

## Organ Voluntary

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**In this service:**

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**Next Evensong**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

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