

# Choral Evensong

- order of the day -

July 7<sup>th</sup> 2024 - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Laurenskerk Rotterdam

## Organ Voluntary

Preces Richard Shephard (1929-2021)

Hymn Dear Lord and Father of mankind  
*New English Hymnal No. 343*  
1: choir, 2: men, 3: women, 4: all

1. Dear Lord and Fat-her of mankind, Forgive our foolish  
ways! Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, In  
purer lives thy ser - vice find, In dee-per reverence  
praise. In deep- er reve- rence praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G minor (three flats). The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff has a fermata over the first note. The third staff has a fermata over the first note. The fourth staff has a fermata over the first note and a double bar line at the end. There are markings for 'rit.' (ritardando) above the notes in the fourth staff.

2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
Beside the Syrian sea,  
The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

3. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

4. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

## The Psalm

Psalm 56 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> BE merciful unto me, O God, for man goeth about to devour me : he is daily fighting, and troubling me.

<sup>2</sup> Mine enemies are daily in hand to swallow me up : for they be many that fight against me, O thou most Highest.

<sup>3</sup> Nevertheless, though I am sometime afraid : yet put I my trust in thee.

<sup>4</sup> I will praise God, because of his word : I have put my trust in God, and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

<sup>5</sup> They daily mistake my words : all that they imagine is to do me evil.

<sup>6</sup> They hold all together, and keep themselves close : and mark my steps, when they lay wait for my soul.

<sup>7</sup> Shall they escape for their wickedness : thou, O God, in thy displeasure shalt cast them down.

<sup>8</sup> Thou tellest my flittings; put my tears into thy bottle : are not these things noted in thy book?

<sup>9</sup> Whensoever I call upon thee, then shall mine enemies be put to flight : this I know; for God is on my side.

<sup>10</sup> In God's word will I rejoice : in the Lord's word will I comfort me.

<sup>11</sup> Yea, in God have I put my trust : I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

<sup>12</sup> Unto thee, O God, will I pay my vows : unto thee will I give thanks.

<sup>13</sup> For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling : that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

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.

<sup>1</sup>“At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release. <sup>2</sup>And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release what he has lent to his neighbor. He shall not exact it of his neighbor, his brother, because the Lord’s release has been proclaimed. <sup>3</sup>Of a foreigner you may exact it, but whatever of yours is with your brother your hand shall release. <sup>4</sup>But there will be no poor among you; for the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess— <sup>5</sup>if only you will strictly obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all this commandment that I command you today. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord your God will bless you, as he promised you, and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow, and you shall rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over you.

<sup>7</sup>“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, <sup>8</sup>but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. <sup>9</sup>Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. <sup>10</sup>You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. <sup>11</sup>For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”

## **The Second Lesson** Acts 27: 33 - 44

<sup>33</sup>As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. <sup>34</sup>Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." <sup>35</sup>And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. <sup>37</sup>(We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) <sup>38</sup>And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

<sup>39</sup>Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. <sup>40</sup>So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. <sup>41</sup>But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. <sup>42</sup>The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. <sup>43</sup>But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, <sup>44</sup>and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

**Nunc Dimittis** Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**Responses** Richard Shephard (1929-2021)

**The Lord's Prayer**

Richard Shephard (1929-2021)

## The Collect of the day

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen**

**Anthem**      Hear the Voice and Prayer  
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Hear the voice and prayer  
Of thy servants  
That they make before thee this day  
That thine eyes may be open  
Toward this house night and day  
Ever toward this place  
Of which thou hast said  
"My name shall be there."  
And when thou hear'st  
Have mercy on them

## Spoken Prayers

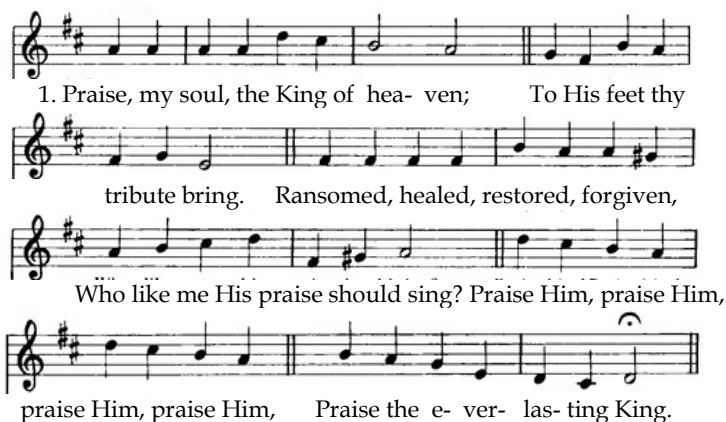
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Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**

## Hymn

Praise my soul the King of heaven

*New English Hymnal No. 436*

1: all, 2: choir, 3: men, 4: women, 5: all



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a single treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The lyrics are: 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Who like me His praise should sing? Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Frail as summer's flower we flourish  
Blows the wind and it is gone  
But while mortals rise and perish  
God endures unchanging on  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
Praise the high eternal One.

5. Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## **The Blessing**

## **Organ Voluntary**

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**In this service:**

Laurens Ensemble conducted by Gijsbert Westland

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Gijsbert Westland: tenor  
Johan Vermeer: Bas

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Rev. Harold Schorren  
Quirijn van den Hoogen, Henk Koekoek, lector  
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**Next Evensong**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> august 2024**

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