

# Choral Evensong

- order of the day -  
March 2nd 2025  
Sunday next before Lent

## Laurenskerk Rotterdam

### Organ Voluntary

Preces Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

Hymn New English Hymnal No. 358

1. Choir 2. All 3. Choir 4. All

The image shows a musical score for an organ voluntary. It consists of three systems of two staves each, one in treble clef and one in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The music is a prelude for the hymn 'Father of heaven, whose love profound'.

1. Father of heaven, whose love profound  
A ransom for our souls hath found,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
To us thy pardoning 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 quickening power extend.

4. Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,  
Before thy throne we sinners bend:  
Grace, pardon, life to us extend.

### **The Psalm**

Psalm (ESV) 2

Why do the heathen so furiously rage together, and  
why do the people imagine a vain thing?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth stand up,  
and the rulers take counsel together,  
against the LORD and against his Anointed:

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their bonds asunder  
and cast away their cords from us."

<sup>4</sup> He that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh them to  
scorn;  
the Lord shall have them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,  
and vex them in his sore displeasure.

<sup>6</sup> "Yet have I set my King upon my holy hill of Zion."

<sup>7</sup> I will preach the law whereof the Lord hath said  
unto me: "Thou art my Son;  
This day have I begotten thee.

<sup>8</sup> Desire of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for  
thine inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for  
thy possession.

<sup>9</sup> Thou shalt bruise them with a rod of iron, and  
break them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

<sup>10</sup> Be wise now, therefore, O kings;  
be learned, ye that are judges of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Serve the LORD in fear,  
and rejoice unto him with reverence.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and so  
ye perish from the right way, if his wrath be kindled  
(yea but a little), Blessed are all they that put their  
trust in him.

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** Exodus 33: 17 – 23

<sup>17</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” <sup>18</sup>Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” <sup>19</sup>And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. <sup>20</sup>But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup>and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

**Magnificat in g minor** Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**The Second Lesson** 1 John 3: 1 – 3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

<sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**Nunc Dimittis in g minor** Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

**Responses** Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

**The Lord’s Prayer** Robert Stone (1516-1613)

### **The Collect of the day**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

### **Anthem**

Bring us, O Lord God - William H. Harris (1883-1973)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening  
into the house and gate of heaven,  
to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,  
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,  
but one equal light; no noise nor silence,  
but one equal music; no fears nor hopes,  
but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings,  
but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,  
world without end. Amen.

### **Spoken Prayers**

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

## Hymn

New English Hymnal No. 436

1. Choir 2. All 3. Choir 4. All

1. Praise, my soul the King of hea - ven; To his feet thy  
tri - bute bring. Ransomed, healed, re - stored, for - gi - ven,  
Who like me his praise should sing? Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me his praise should bring?  
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 for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
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!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. 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 with us the God of grace.

## The Blessing

## Organ Voluntary

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### **In this service:**

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Rev. Bert Kuipers

Henk Koekoek, Gijsbert Westland, lector

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## Next Evensong

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> april 2025**



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