

Evensong  
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## Rite I

### The Procession

#### The Invitatory, S26 (*stand*)

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

*People*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Phos hilaron, Hymn 26, O gracious Light

CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of

Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

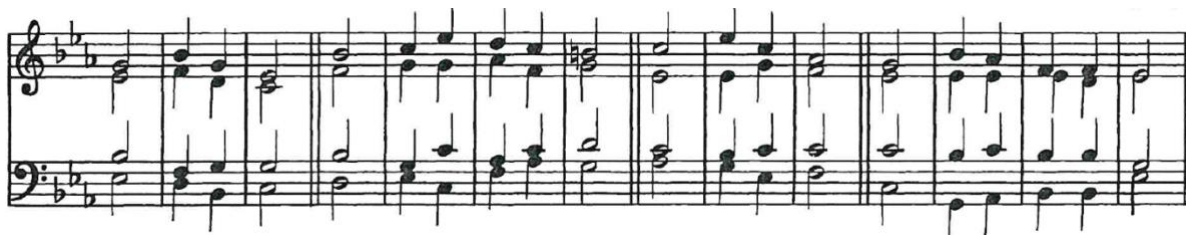
*This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:* ♩ ♩ ♩

## The Psalm

Psalm 34

*Benedicam Dominum*

Kellow J. Pye



Anglican chant composed by Kellow John Pye (1812-1901), the first-ever student at the Royal Academy of Music in London. The Academy opened in 1823, and Pye was appointed Director in 1868.

- 1 I will bless the / **LORD** at / all times; \*  
his praise shall / ever be / in my / mouth.
- 2 I will / glory in the / **LORD**; \*  
let the / humble / hear and re - / joice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the / greatness of the / **LORD**; \*  
let us ex - / alt his / Name to - / gether.
- 4 I sought the / **LORD** and he / answered me \*  
and delivered me / out of / all my / terror.
- 5 Look upon / him and be / radiant, \*  
and let not your / faces / be a - / shamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the / **LORD** / heard me \*  
and / saved me from / all my / troubles.
- 7 The angel of the **LORD** encompasses / those who / fear him, \*  
and / **he** / will de - / liver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the / **LORD** is / good; \*  
-- / happy are / they who / trust in him!
- 9 Fear the **LORD** you that / are his / saints, \*  
for / those who / fear him lack / nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and / suffer / hunger, \*  
but those who seek the **LORD** lack / nothing / that is / good.
- 11 Come children and / listen to / me; \*  
I will / teach you the / fear of the / **LORD**.

- 12 Who among / you loves / life \*  
and desires long / life to en - / joy pros - / perity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from / evil - / speaking \*  
and your / lips from / lying / words.
- 14 Turn from evil and / **do** / good; \*  
seek / **peace** / and pur - / sue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are up - / on the / righteous, \*  
and his ears are / open / to their / cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against / those who do / evil, \*  
to root out the re - / membrane of / them from the / earth.
- 17 The righteous cry and the / **LORD** / hears them \*  
and de - / livers them from / all their / troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the / broken - / hearted \*  
and will save / those whose / spirits are / crushed.
- 19 Many are the / troubles of the / righteous, \*  
but the LORD will de - / liver him / out of them / all.
- 20 He will keep safe / all his / bones; \*  
not / one of / them shall be / broken.
- 21 Evil shall / slay the / wicked, \*  
and those who hate the / righteous / will be / punished.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the / life of his / servants, \*  
and / none will be / punished who / trust in him.
- Glory to the Father and / to the / Son, \*  
and / to the / Holy / Spirit:
- As it was in the be - / ginning is / now, \*  
and will be for - / ever. / **A** - / men.

**The First Lesson, Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12**

Revised Standard Version

The pride of the heavenly heights is the clear firmament, the appearance of heaven in a spectacle of glory. The sun, when it appears, making proclamation as it goes forth, is a marvelous instrument, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land; and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but the sun burns the mountains three times as much; it breathes out fiery vapors, and with bright beams it blinds the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; and at his command it hastens on its course. He made the moon also, to

serve in its season to mark the times and to be an everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for feast days, a light that wanes when it has reached the full. The month is named for the moon, increasing marvelously in its phases, an instrument of the hosts on high shining forth in the firmament of heaven. The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a gleaming array in the heights of the Lord. At the command of the Holy One they stand as ordered, they never relax in their watches. Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it, exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the heaven with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Mary, S185**

*Magnificat*

1. My soul doth mag - ni - fy the Lord, and my spi - rit  
 hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re - gard - ed  
 the low - li - ness of his hand - maid - en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth  
 all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is  
 might - y hath mag - ni - fied me, and ho - ly is his Name.  
 5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all gen - er - a - tions.  
 6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the  
 proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put  
 down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the  
 hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -  
 mem - ber - ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,  
 as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
 10. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
 11. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

**The Second Lesson, Matthew 13:24-34a**

Revised Standard Version

Another parable Jesus put before the disciples, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened." All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.  
*People*     Thanks be to God.

**The Song of Simeon, S196**

*Nunc Dimittis*

1. Lord, now lettest thou thy ser - vant de - part in peace, ac - cord - ing  
to thy word; 2. For mine eyes have seen thy sal - va - tion,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple,  
3. To be a light to light - en the Gen - tiles,  
and to be the glory of thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. [Ant.]  
*(Gloria Patri may be omitted)*  
4. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:  
5. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

**The Apostles' Creed** (*sung on tone*)

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,



the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

### **The Our Father** (*kneel*)

*Officiant* Our Father,

*All* who art in heaven,

hallow'd be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.


And lead us not into temptation,


but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,


for ever and ever. Amen.


### **The Suffrages, S29**


*Cantor or Officiant*  
  
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,


*People*  
  
We en - treat thee, O Lord.


*(This response is sung after each of the following petitions)*


  
That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,


  
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,

  
That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world,

  
That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear,

  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,

  
That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of

  
[\_\_\_\_\_ and] all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

### **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Collect for Sundays**

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The Collect for Mission**

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Anthem**

JOHN GOSS

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints, for they that fear him lack nothing. The lions do lack and suffer hunger, but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Music composed by Sir John Goss (1800-1880), Professor at the Royal Academy of Music in London, teacher of John Stainer, Organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, and composer of the music for Hymn #410 *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven.*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we thine unworthy servants  
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all men.  
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for thine inestimable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we beseech thee,  
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
 and that we show forth thy praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to thy service,  
 and by walking before thee  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### The Dismissal, S31

*Cantor or Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### The Grace

*Officiant*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
 the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

### The Office Hymn,

Hymn 28, O blest Creator, source of light

BROMLEY

1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light, you gave the  
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray; you found it  
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife, for - get your  
 4 E - te - rnal Fa - ther, help us rise and strive to  
 \*5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night, and with your

1 day with splen - dor bright, when on the new and  
 2 good and called it 'day.' But now the threat - ening  
 3 bless - ed gift of life, and an - guished and in  
 4 gain the heaven - ly prize; for you a - lone can  
 5 Son, and Spi - rit bright— the Tri - ni - ty whom

1 liv - ing earth you brought all things to glo - rious birth.  
 2 dark - ness nears— we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.  
 3 mind dis - tressed, be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.  
 4 make us strong to turn from sin and cease from wrong.  
 5 we a - dore— be with us now and ev - er - more.

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The Procession