



# RSCM MUSIC SUNDAY

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## **THE BIG MUSIC SUNDAY SERVICE 2020**

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### **MUSIC SUNDAY SERVICE 2020**

Music is such an important part of worship in church. Who, if any of us, could possibly have imagined that a complete 'general pause' in liturgical music would be a possibility, never mind the reality we are currently living through.

To celebrate Music Sunday is not an anomaly this year. It is an opportunity to shine a spotlight upon the faithful musicians of countless church communities, giving thanks to God for all they have done to this point, are still doing as best they can, and will do again when we eventually emerge into the radiant light from this darkness. In the current climate, being able to support, uphold and encourage them is of huge importance.

These resources will draw people together in worship, even if the people of God remain physically scattered. Music can unite us, even across cyberspace. It's important to rehearse and learn, so that you can join in with confidence and with full voice. As it says in the hymn *The Day Thou Gavest*: 'The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away'. Amen!

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Music before the start of the service:**

**Concertino Pastoral: 1. Allegretto con motto**

*Music:* JOSEPH NOYON (1888–1962)

*Played by Annette Breyer - Oboe, and Andy von Oppenkowski - Organ*

**The service is led by The Very Revd Dr John Hall KCVO,**  
Chair of The Royal School of Church Music

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Let us recognise God's presence with us.

*Silence may be kept.*

As God's people we have gathered:  
**All let us worship him together.**

Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs:  
**All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

God is spirit:  
**All let us worship him in spirit and truth.**

*Please turn for the first hymn*

**Hymn: Angel voices ever singing**

*Music:* EDWIN GEORGE MONK (1819–1900)

*Descant:* RICHARD SHEPHARD (b.1949)

*Singing led by the Choir of Cirencester Parish Church, directed by Hugo Kennard*

- 1 Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee  
and confess thee  
Lord of might.
  
- 2 Thou who art beyond the farthest  
mortal eye can scan,  
can it be that thou regardest  
songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
and wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.
  
- 3 Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure  
all combine.
  
- 4 In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer  
all unworthily  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest  
psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might, and merit  
 thine shall ever be,  
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 blessèd Trinity.  
 Of the best that thou hast given  
 earth and heaven  
 render thee.

FRANCIS POTT (1832–1909)

## Confession

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God  
 for idols of our own imagining.  
 As we gather to offer our praises to the holy and undivided Trinity,  
 and to worship him in spirit and in truth,  
 let us call to mind our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

We have not always worshipped God, our creator.  
 Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

We have failed to sing the Lord's song in a strange land.  
 Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

We have used your gifts to serve our own ends.  
 Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
 bring you back to himself,  
 forgive you your sins,  
 and assure you of his eternal love  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Psalm 150

*Music:* CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852–1924)

*Singing led by the Chamber Choir of St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia,  
directed by Ross Cobb*

- O PRAISE God ' in his ' holiness :  
    praise him in the ' firmament ' of his ' power.
- 2 Praise him in his ' noble ' acts :  
    praise him ac'cording to his ' excellent ' greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the ' sound of the ' trumpet :  
    praise him up'on the ' lute and ' harp.
- 4 Praise him in the ' cymbals and ' dances :  
    praise him up'on the ' strings and ' pipe.
- 5 Praise him upon the ' well-tuned ' cymbals :  
    praise him up'on the ' loud ' cymbals.
- 6 Let everything ' that hath ' breath :  
    praise ' -- ' – the ' Lord.

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.

**Testimony:** Revd Helen Bent interviews Lily Robson , a member of the RSCM's Millennium Youth Choir

### **Anthem: I will sing with the spirit**

*Music:* JOHN RUTTER (b.1945)

*Singing led by present and former members of the RSCM Millennium Youth Choir  
and the iMYC, directed by Adrian Lucas*

**Reading: Revelation 5. 6–14**

*Read by the Very Revd Simon Aiken, National President of RSCM South Africa*

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

‘You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.’

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

‘Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!’

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

‘To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!’

And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ And the elders fell down and worshipped.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Hymn: There is a higher throne**

*Words and Music:* KRISTYN GETTY (b.1980) and KEITH GETTY (b.1974)

*Singing led by the Choir of St Paul's Episcopal Church, Burlingame, CA, USA,  
directed by Susan Jane Matthews*

- 1 There is a higher throne  
than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from every tongue  
will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand,  
made faultless through the Lamb;  
believing hearts find promised grace:  
Salvation comes.

*Hear heaven's voices sing,  
their thunderous anthem rings  
through emerald courts and sapphire skies,  
their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, power,  
strength, thanks and honour are  
to God, our King who reigns on high  
forever more.*

- 2 And there we'll find our home,  
our life before the throne;  
we'll honour Him in perfect song  
where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye,  
as thirst and hunger die;  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King:  
we'll reign with Him.

**Testimony:** David Price, Director of Music at Portsmouth Cathedral, interviews Martin How, RSCM legend.

**Reading: Matthew 28. 16–20**

*Read by Revd Canon Sal McDougall, RSCM Deputy Director (Education and Mission Delivery)*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Gospel Canticle: Song of Mary**

*Music:* MARGARET RIZZA (b.1929)

*Singing led by The Convivium Singers, your conductor is David Price, Organist & Master of Choristers at Portsmouth Cathedral, RSCM Trustee 1999–2020.*

1. My Lord and Saviour is my song,  
he fills my spirit with delight;  
to raise me up his arm is strong,  
the lowly precious in his sight.

*Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum.*

2. My name shall live from age to age  
and ev'ry tongue his servant bless.  
For mercy is their heritage,  
whose hearts the Holy One confess.

*Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum.*

3. The proud beguiled by dreams of power,  
divided and degraded lie.  
He casts them down from throne and tower,  
and stoops to life the humble high

*Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum.*

4. With all the elders of our race  
and those unborn who seek this birth,  
I sing the glory of his race  
and bring eternity to earth.

*Magnificat, anima mea, Dominum.*

*Words based on the MAGNIFICAT  
MARY HOLTBY (b.1925)*

## Homily: Looking forward to the future

### Anthem for Music Sunday: Hymns and psalms and sacred songs

*Music:* THOMAS HEWITT JONES (b.1984)

*Singing led by The Bromley Radio Choir; your conductor is David Price, Organist & Master of Choristers at Portsmouth Cathedral, RSCM Trustee 1999–2020.*

- 1 Hymns and psalms and sacred songs  
make the Name of Jesus heard;  
to the voice of praise belongs  
all the richness of his word.  
Sound and speech and music's art,  
taught by wisdom from above,  
bring us songs to lift the heart,  
songs of thankfulness and love.
  
- 2 God be praised in hymns and psalms,  
sing his promise and his power,  
God our Rock in life's alarms,  
God our Refuge and our Tower;  
God our Shepherd and our Guide,  
Makers, Saviour, Lord and Friend,  
God the One who walks beside,  
dark or light, till journey's end.
  
- 3 Songs and psalms and hymns of praise,  
worship by the Spirit given,  
teach us truth in all our ways,  
lift our inward eyes to heaven.  
Tell of all that God has done,  
let his love in Christ be known!  
Praise the Father, Spirit, Son!  
Glory be to God alone!

TIMOTHY DUDLEY-SMITH (b.1926)

based on Ephesians 5 vs 18–20 and Colossians 3 v 16

## The Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and 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 the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers led by Revd Canon Anna Macham, Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral, and RSCM Trustee.*

*Singing of the chants led by members of RSCM Cape Town Branch, South Africa, directed by Mikyle Adams.*

We bring to God in prayer the needs of the world.  
Through silence, spoken word and music,  
let us be open to the God who both listens and speaks to us.

## Prayer response

Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Ukuthula  
*Peace, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings Peace.*

Lord God, we pray for *peace* across the nations in these challenging times.

You brought order out of chaos at the beginning of creation  
and in you all things now hold together.

Give your Church confidence to proclaim Christ, the Prince of Peace,  
in word and action.

## Prayer response

Usindiso Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Usindiso  
*Redemption, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings redemption.*

Lord God, we pray for the *redemption* of the world at a time of crisis  
in the knowledge that all creation groans and looks to you in hope.  
Jesus, the Lamb of God, has rescued us through the shedding of his  
blood.

Let your Church proclaim Christ's promise to be with us always  
here on earth and in the age to come.

### **Prayer response**

Ukubonga Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Ukubonga  
*Praise, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings praise.*

Lord God, we bring you the *praise* that is rightly due your name,  
giving thanks for the gift of music, its beauty and power,  
for all whom you inspire to compose music,  
and for all to whom you give skill and devotion to perform it.  
Let your Church be filled with song,  
worshipping your holy name in spirit and in truth.

### **Prayer response**

Ukukholwa Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Ukukholwa  
*Faith, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings faith.*

Lord God, we pray for *faith* to follow in the footsteps of Christ,  
in the knowledge that your Son, Jesus,  
is the way, the truth and the life.  
Call your Church to serve you with wisdom and joy,  
and to witness boldly to Christ in every generation.

### **Prayer response**

Ukunqoba Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Ukunqoba  
*Victory, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings victory.*

Lord God, we thank you for a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
established through Christ's *victory* over sin and death.  
Equip your Church to declare joyfully  
that we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

**Prayer response**

Induduso Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Induduso  
*Comfort, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings comfort.*

Lord God, we pray for the *comfort* of all who suffer in body,  
 mind or spirit.

Your mercies are endless and your compassion never fails.  
 May your Church give consolation to the sick and grieving,  
 strength to the weak and courage to the anxious  
 that your peace may abound.

**Prayer response**

Ukuthula Kulomhlabawezono Alleluia Igazi lika Jesu linyenyez Ukuthula  
*Peace, in this world of sin Alleluia, The blood of Jesus brings Peace.*

**Collect**

Creator God,  
 composer of life's unending melodies,  
 rich harmonies and compelling rhythms,  
 inspire our worship and open for us a vision of your glory.  
 Help us by your Spirit to offer you ourselves  
 as living sacrifices,  
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

**Hymn: How shall I sing that majesty***Music:* KENNETH NAYLOR (1931–1991)*Descant:* GEOFF WEAVER (b.1943)*Singing led by the choir of St Wulfram's Church, Grantham,  
directed by Tim Williams*

- 1 How shall I sing that Majesty  
which angels do admire?  
Let dust in dust and silence lie;  
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.  
Thousands of thousands stand around  
thy throne, O God most high;  
ten thousand times ten thousand sound  
thy praise; but who am I?
- 2 Thy brightness unto them appears,  
whilst I thy footsteps trace;  
a sound of God comes to my ears;  
but they behold thy face:  
they sing because thou art their sun:  
Lord, send a beam on me;  
for where heaven is but once begun,  
there alleluias be.
- 3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,  
in flame it with love's fire;  
then shall I sing and bear a part  
with that celestial choir.  
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,  
with all my fire and light;  
yet when thou dost accept their gold,  
Lord, treasure up my mite.
- 4 How great a being Lord, is thine,  
which doth all beings keep!  
Thy knowledge is the only line  
to sound so vast a deep:  
thou art a sea without a shore,  
a sun without a sphere;  
thy time is now and evermore,  
thy place is everywhere.

## A Prayer

**All** God of majesty,  
whom saints and angels  
delight to worship in heaven:  
be with your servants  
who make music for your people,  
that with joy we on earth  
may glimpse your beauty;  
and bring us to the fulfilment  
of that hope of perfection,  
which will be ours as we stand  
before your unveiled glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

## **Anthem: Jubilate in B flat**

*Music:* CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD (1852–1924)

*Singing led by members of the RSCM Northern Cathedral Singers,  
directed by Martyn Rawles.*

## The Blessing

May the songs of the angels sustain you,  
may the praises of the saints inspire you,  
may the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** Amen.

## **Organ Voluntary: Fiat Lux (Let there be light)**

*Music:* THEODORE DUBOIS (1839–1924)

*Played by Hugh Morris, Director of the RSCM.*