

CHESTER CATHEDRAL

Taizé Service

in partnership with Heart & Soul Community Singers

17th Dec 2023 6.00 pm



We welcome you to Chester Cathedral! It is a place where the mission of the church to proclaim God's love is central, and your welcome presence here for worship helps to strengthen this vital act of witness.

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This is a simple service consisting of songs, silence and two readings, which will be presented on the screen. We will remain seated throughout. You are very welcome to join in with the singing.

COLLECTION

The Cathedral costs in excess of £5,500 a day to keep open, and we urgently need your support with the loss of our regular income through the pandemic.

We invite you to generously give to ensure our future.

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We really need your help to make sure that services like this one can continue and that we can keep the doors open for everyone. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Song I: Stay with me No. 3

Sung in German, Ukrainian (written phonetically below), and English

Bleibet hier and wachet mit mir Wachet und betet, wachet und betet

Za-lyoo sheece, ee zee mnoyoo mo-leece Pil-nee mo-leece-ya, pil-nee mo-leece-ya

Stay with me, remain here with me, watching and praying, watching and praying.



Song 2: El Senyor No. 17



In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Old Testament Reading

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.

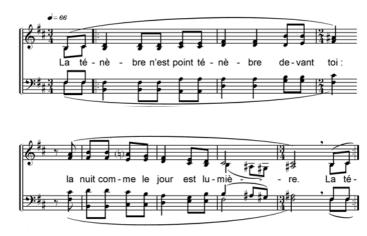
Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

Lo, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse.

Malachi 3:1-4; 4

Song 3: La ténèbre No. 26

La ténèbre n'est point ténèbre devant toi: la nuit comme le jour est lumière.



Our darkness is never darkness in your sight: the deepest night is clear as the daylight.

A period of silence for reflection follows.

Song 4: Nada te turbe No. 50

Nada te turbe, nada te espante; quien a Dios tiene nada le falta. Nada te turbe, nada te espante: sólo Dios basta



Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.

New Testament Reading

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 4-7

Song 5: Jesus le Christ No. 9

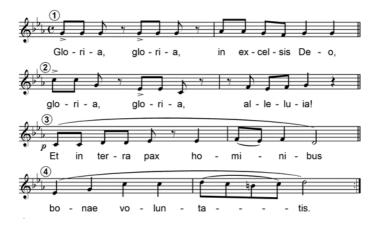
Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure, ne laisse pas mes ténèbres me parler. Jésus le Christ, lumière intérieure, donne-moi d'accueillir ton amour.



Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us. Let not my doubts or my darkness speak to me. Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us. Let my heart always welcome your love.

Song 6: Gloria... et in terra pax No. 6

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria, alleluia! Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.



Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

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