

Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

CHAPEL SERVICES AND MUSIC

Rugby School Chapel

Bilton Grange School Chapel

Trinity Term 2026



RUGBY SCHOOL

Rugby School Chapels

The building was designed by the gothic revival Architect, William Butterfield in 1875 and the interior remains as it was constructed. The smaller Memorial Chapel which is linked to the main chapel was built as a memorial to those who lost their lives from the Rugby School community in the First World War. It was designed by Sir Charles Nicholson of School House (brother of Sir Sydney Nicholson, also School House, composer and sometime organist of Westminster Abbey, founder of the Royal School of Church Music) and consecrated in 1922.

The main Rugby School Chapel contains an organ by the firm Kenneth Jones and Associates of Bray, Ireland which was built in 2001 with additions and improvements by Nicholson Organ Builders of Malvern. It is a four manual instrument comprising fifty-four stops.

The Memorial Chapel contains an organ by Harrison and Harrison of Durham built in 1923. It is a two manual instrument of six stops.

Bilton Grange School Chapel

The mansion which forms the main school was built in 1846 attached to an existing farmhouse and was a private family home. It was designed by the eminent designer and architect Augustus Welby Pugin for Captain Washington Hibbert and is a Grade II* listed building. The first pupils were brought to the house by The Reverend Walter Earle in 1887. The brewhouse was converted into the school chapel in 1889 and classrooms were added in 1892.

The chapel contains an historic organ built by the London firm of Gray and Davison in 1892. The organ is a three manual instrument of nineteen stops and has been given an Historic Organ Certificate and listed as Grade II. It is in need of a major restoration!

Access to the Chapels for Services

Parents and visitors to services in Rugby School Chapel should enter the school via the Queen's Gate on Barby Road and the Chapel via the west or east doors. Disabled parking only is available on 'The Porridge' close to the Chapel. Parents may park in Michell House car park in Little Church Street after 17.30 and will be given the gate code.

Parents and visitors to services in Bilton Grange Chapel should enter the school via the School Reception at the North Entrance.



Evensong

The service of Evensong has been used in English churches for centuries and is unchanged for more than 300 years. It is designed to be a daily reminder and celebration of the Incarnation – the Christian belief that Almighty God became a human being to share our life and lead us back to the life of heaven with him. The service begins with sung responses and a selection from the psalms – ancient hymns of praise, petition, questioning and triumph. At the heart of the service are the two ‘canticles’: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. In the Magnificat, the choir sing the joyful words first uttered by a young girl, Mary, when she heard she was to be the mother of Jesus. The Nunc Dimittis is the song of an old man, Simeon, who had been promised that he would not die until he had seen God’s chosen King with his own eyes. When they placed the baby Jesus in his arms, that ancient servant of the Lord knew that he could depart in peace.

The service includes two readings from God’s word to us in the Bible, a declaration of our faith in the spoken words of the creed, and prayers for the world and for ourselves.

Over the centuries many of the world’s greatest musicians have composed pieces known as ‘settings’ for use at Evensong. Every day the same, but every day different, Choral Evensong is truly one of the Church’s treasures.

Rugby School Services

The whole school meets in chapel for morning prayers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Sundays there is a more formal service with music sung by the Arnold Singers – a choir of pupils and staff. This service is followed by a short service of Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel. Parents and visitors are welcome to join us for these Sunday services if these are asterisked in the Rugby School calendar and for refreshments in School House afterwards.

The Arnold Singers sing the ancient monastic service of Compline on one evening this term and the Temple Consort will also sing Evensong this term on Friday 8 May when their service will include the Gloucester service by Herbert Howells and the tremendous anthem Blessed City, Heavenly Salem by Edward Bairstow.

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The Readings for Choral Evensong in the Trinity Term

It is customary at Choral Evensong to have two Bible readings: the first from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. We begin this term by remembering together the joy of Easter, the appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene in the garden and other appearances of the Risen Christ to the disciples. Then comes the Ascension of Christ into Heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost. The first half of term ends with Jesus sending the disciples into the world to continue his ministry. The second half of term begins by remembering the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and then recalls some prophecies of the Old Testament prophets and the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. We continue to celebrate with the Church around the world special Saints including George, Patron Saint of England, Mark the Evangelist, and the Apostles Philip, James and Matthias.

The Psalms at Evensong

One of the joys of Evensong is the singing of the psalms. These are a collection of 150 texts in the Old Testament which were attributed to King David but are now thought to be by various authors from the 9th to 5th Centuries BC. The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange aspire to singing the psalms appointed for each day in the Book of Common Prayer. During the learning process we have selected psalms which we have appointed for each day. The texts of these psalms are printed towards the end of this Service Booklet. All the psalms conclude with the Gloria:

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

APRIL

Week 1

Easter 2

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Monday 13
April

No Evensong

No Evensong

Monday 13
April

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 14
April

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 16
April

Easter Carol Service

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*

Hymns: Jesus Christ is risen today

Love's redeeming work is done

The strife is o'er

Thine be the Glory

Anthems: Gloria in excelsis Deo

Weelkes

Now the green blade riseth *arr.*

Lindley

Christ rising again *Byrd*

Easter (Five Mystical Songs)

Vaughan Williams

O filii et filiae *arr. Martin Baker*

This joyful Eastertide *Harris*

Organ Voluntary: Toccata in G

Dubois

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 19
April

10.30

Morning Service
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Introit: This joyful Eastertide
Ledger
Hymn: 40, 43, 45
Anthem: Haec Dies *Byrd*

Monday 20
April

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 21
April

*Evensong with Making Up
of Choristers*
*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 14
Hymn: CP 137 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven **1A**
Canticles: *Forbes L' Estrange* King's
College Service
Anthem: Solus ad victimam
Leighton
Organ Voluntary: Fantasy on
'Easter Hymn' *Harris*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 14
Hymn: CP 137 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven **1A**
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Now the green blade riseth
Lindley

Thursday 23
April

St George

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks &
Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sanders*
Psalm: 23
Hymn: 63 For all the saints
Canticles: *Noble* in B minor
Anthem: Sing ye to the Lord
Bairstow
Organ Voluntary: Orb and Sceptre
(1953) *Walton*

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 26
April

Confirmation

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Hymn: 80, 52, 172

10.30

Anthems: *Sicut cervus Palestrina*

Be thou my vision Chilcott

Monday 27
April

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 32

Hymn: 43 The day of Resurrection

Canticles: *Wood* in D

Anthem: *Surrexit a mortuis Widor*

Organ Voluntary: *Saraband for the morning of Easter Howells*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 32

Hymn: 43 The day of Resurrection

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: *Fairest Lord Jesus Rose*

Tuesday 28
April

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 33

Hymn: 45 Thine be the Glory

Canticles: *Stanford* in C

Anthem: *Lord of the Dance Carter arr. Jackson*

Organ Voluntary: *Paraphrase on a chorus from Handel Judas*

Maccabaeus Guilmant

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 33

Hymn: 45 Thine be the Glory

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: *Lord of the Dance Carter arr. Owens*

Thursday 30
April

Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars

Responses: *Sanders*

Psalm: 34

Hymn: 44 The strife is o'er

Magnificat *Octavi toni Bevan*

Nunc Dimittis *Holst*

Anthem: *Blessed be the God and Father Wesley*

Organ Voluntary: *Offertory on O Filii et Filiae Guilmant*

1st EP of
Phillip and
James,
Apostles

MAY

Week 4

Easter 5

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 3 May *No Morning Service (Exeat)*

Monday 4 May *No Evensong (Exeat and Bank Holiday)* *No Evensong (Exeat and Bank Holiday)*

Tuesday 5
May
*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalm: 47
Hymn: CP 152 Now is eternal life
2A
Canticles: *Batten* Fourth Service
Anthem: Lord, I trust thee *Handel*
Organ Voluntary: Fanfare *Whitlock*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 47
Hymn: CP 152 Now is eternal life **2A**
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Risen Lord *Rose*

Thursday 7
May
*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks & Choral
Scholars*
Responses: *Sumsion*
Psalms: 42, 43
Hymn: CP 158 The Lord is risen
indeed **3A**
Canticles: *Esėnvalds* Merton College
Service
Anthem: Morning star *Pärt*
Organ Voluntary: St Bride, assisted
by angels *Bingham*

Friday 8 May
Temple Consort Evensong
Responses: *Leighton*
Julian of
Norwich
Psalm: 41
Hymn: HGSP 424 Blest be the
everlasting God **4A**
Canticles: *Howells* Gloucester
Service
Anthem: Blessed City, Heavenly
Salem *Bairstow*
Organ Voluntary: Marche
Triumphale *Alcock*

MAY

Week 5

Easter 6

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 10
May

Morning Service

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Introit: Jubilate in C *Britten*

10.30

Hymn: 179, 192, 45

Anthem: Go down, Moses *Tippett*

Organ Voluntary:

Monday 11
May

Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks
& *Choral Scholars*

Introit: The Lord is my shepherd
Schubert

Responses: *Sumsion*

Psalm: 48

Hymn: 37 Christ the Lord is risen
again!

Canticles: *Harwood* in Ab

Anthem: The heavens are telling
(from *The Creation*) *Haydn*

Organ Voluntary: Trumpet

Voluntary *Stanley*

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 48

Hymn: 37 Christ the Lord is risen
again!

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI

Anthem: Spirit of God, unseen as the
wind *Scottish Melody arr. Rose*

Tuesday 12
May

Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks
& *Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Sumsion*

Psalm: 49

Hymn: CP 135 A brighter dawn is
breaking **5A**

Canticles: *Sumsion* in A

Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum
Martin

Organ Voluntary: Alleluyas *Preston*

Girl Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 49

Hymn: CP 135 A brighter dawn is
breaking **5A**

Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II

Anthem: Songs of praise the angels
sang *Wicks*

21.15

Compline

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Anthem: In pace *Blitheman*

Thursday 14
May

No Evensong

(BG Musician of the Year)

Ascension Day

MAY

Week 6

Ascension 1

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 17
May

Morning Service
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Introit: Deep river *Tippett*
Hymn: 47, 46, 180
Anthem: A new song *MacMillan*
Organ Voluntary:

10.30

Monday 18
May

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 60
Hymn: 47 Crown him with many
crowns
Canticles: *Weelkes* Service for
Trebles
Anthem: Ascendit Deus *Philips*
Organ Voluntary: Transport du
joie (L'Ascension) *Messiaen*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 60
Hymn: 47 Crown him with many
crowns
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: Watch thou dear Lord *Rose*

Tuesday 19
May

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 61
Hymn: 50 The head that once was
crowned with thorns
Canticles: *Ives* Edington Service
Anthem: Te lucis ante terminum
Balfour Gardner
Organ Voluntary: Trumpet March
Bush

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 61
Hymn: 50 The head that once was
crowned with thorns
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: Sun of my soul, Thou
Saviour dear *Shingler*

Thursday 21
May

No Evensong

Half Term

MAY/ JUNE

Week 7

Trinity

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 31
May

Trinity Sunday
No Morning Service (Half Term)

Monday 1
June

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 89
Hymn: CP 586 The God of
Abraham praise **6A**
Canticles: *Walmisley* in D minor
Anthem: I saw the Lord *Stainer*
Organ Voluntary: Fugue in E flat
(St Anne) BWV 552ii *Bach*

Boy Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 89
Hymn: CP 586 The God of Abraham
praise **6A**
Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: A grateful heart *Plumstead*

Tuesday 2
June

*Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 108
Hymn: 59 Holy, holy, holy
Canticles: *Byrd* Tones &
Fauxbourdons
Anthem: Hymn to the Trinity
Tchaikovsky
Organ Voluntary: Master Tallis
Testament *Howells*

Girl Choristers
Responses: Plainsong
Psalm: 108
Hymn: 59 Holy, holy, holy
Magnificat: Plainsong - tone V
Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone II
Anthem: I give you a new
commandment *Aston*

Thursday 4
June

Corpus Christi

*Senior Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*
Responses: *Smith*
Psalm: 136
Hymn: 74 Let all mortal flesh keep
silence
Canticles: *MacMillan* Short Service
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep
silence *Bairstow*
Organ Voluntary: Fantasy on St
Columba (Erin) *Leighton*

JUNE

Week 9

Trinity 2

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 14
June

Evening Service

Arnold Singers, Rugby School

Introit: The Call *Gail Randall*

18.00

Hymn: 181, 156, 194

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect
peace *Wesley*

Monday 15
June

*Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalm: 137

Hymn: 62 Thou, whose almighty word

Canticles: *Reid* King James Canticles

Anthem: *Beatus Vir Monteverdi*

Organ Voluntary: Handel in the Strand
Grainger arr. Stockmeier

Boy Choristers

Responses: Plainsong

Psalm: 137

Hymn: 62 Thou, whose almighty
word

Magnificat: Plainsong - tonus
peregrinus

Nunc dimittis: Plainsong - tone VI
Anthem: God be with you *Rose*

Tuesday 16
June

Evensong with Valedictions

*Full Choristers, Lay Clerks
& Choral Scholars*

Organ Voluntary: Improvisation on St
Clement *Hancock trans. Stephen Buzard*

Introit: Set me as a seal *Walton*

Responses: *Ayleward*

Psalm: 147

Hymn: 118 God be with you till we
meet again

Canticles: *Stanford* in A

Anthems: Bring us O Lord God *Harris*,
A Clare Benediction *Rutter*

Hymn: CP 398 Christ triumphant **7A**

Organ Voluntary: Flourish for an
Occasion *Harris*

Thursday 18
June

No Evensong

JUNE

Week 10

Trinity 3

RUGBY SCHOOL CHAPEL
Evensong at 18.00

BILTON GRANGE CHAPEL
Evensong at 17.30

Sunday 21
June

Morning Service
Arnold Singers, Rugby School
Introit: Achieved is the glorious work
(The Creation) *Haydn*
Hymn: 192, 105, 127
Anthem: The Lord bless you and keep
you *Rutter*

New Students'
Day

10.30

Sunday 21
June

Festival on the Close
Choral and Orchestral Concert
Rugby Symphony Orchestra
Rugby Concert Band
Arnold Singers of Rugby School
Temple Consort of Rugby School
Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange
Conducted by Tansy Castledine
and Ian Foster

18.45



Chichester Psalms Bernstein
Karelia Suite Sibelius
Festmusik der Stadt Wien Strauss
Interstellar: Mountains Cornfield
Chase, S.T.A.Y. Hans Zimmer
West Side Story Bernstein
Blest pair of sirens Parry

Monday 22
June

No Evensong

No Evensong

Tuesday 23
June

No Evensong

No Evensong

Thursday 25
June

No Evensong

Saturday 27
June

Service for Leaving XX
Hymn: 243

1567 Day

THE PSALMS

appointed for the Trinity Term 2026

Psalm 14

Dixit insipiens

1. The fool hath said in his heart:
There is no God.
2. They are corrupt, and become abominable in their doings:
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
3. The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men:
to see if there were any that would understand, and seek after God.
4. But they are all gone out of the way, they are altogether become abominable:
there is none that doeth good, no not one.
5. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues have they deceived:
the poison of asps is under their lips.
6. Their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:
their feet are swift to shed blood.
7. Destruction and unhappiness is in their ways, and the way of peace have they
not known:
there is no fear of God before their eyes.
8. Have they no knowledge, that they are all such workers of mischief:
eating up my people as it were bread, and call not upon the Lord?
9. There were they brought in great fear, even where no fear was:
for God is in the generation of the righteous.
10. As for you, ye have made a mock at the counsel of the poor:
because he putteth his trust in the Lord.
11. Who shall give salvation unto Israel out of Sion?
When the Lord turneth the captivity of his people:
then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

1. The Lord is my shepherd :
therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture :
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul :
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil :
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me :
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life :
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 32

Beati, quorum

1. BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven:
and whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
3. For while I held my tongue:
my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.
4. For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture is like the drought in summer.
5. I will acknowledge my sin unto thee:
and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.
6. I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord:
and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7. For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto thee,
in a time when thou mayest be found:
but in the great water-floods they shall not come nigh him.
8. Thou art a place to hide me in, thou shalt preserve me from trouble:
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.
9. I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go:
and I will guide thee with mine eye.
10. Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding:
whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.
11. Great plagues remain for the ungodly:
but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.
12. Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord:
and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

Psalm 33

Exultate, justi

1. REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
2. Praise the Lord with harp:
sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
3. Sing unto the Lord a new song:
sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
4. For the word of the Lord is true:
and all his works are faithful.
5. He loveth righteousness and judgement:
the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
6. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap:
and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
8. Let all the earth fear the Lord:
stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

9. For he spake, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
10. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.
11. The counsel of the Lord shall endure for ever:
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.
12. Blessed are the people, whose God is the Lord Jehovah:
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.
13. The Lord looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men:
from the habitation of his dwelling
he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.
14. He fashioneth all the hearts of them:
and understandeth all their works.
15. There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host:
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.
16. A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man:
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.
17. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him:
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;
18. To deliver their soul from death:
and to feed them in the time of dearth.
19. Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord:
for he is our help and our shield.
20. For our heart shall rejoice in him:
because we have hoped in his holy Name.
21. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us:
like as we do put our trust in thee.

Psalm 34 (v.15-22)

Benedicam Domino

15. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous:
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
16. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil:
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them:
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
18. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart:
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
19. Great are the troubles of the righteous:
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
20. He keepeth all his bones:
so that not one of them is broken.
21. But misfortune shall slay the ungodly:
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
22. The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants:
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

Psalm 41

Beatus qui intelligit

1. Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy :
the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.
2. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon earth :
and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.
3. The Lord comfort him, when he lieth sick upon his bed :
make thou all his bed in his sickness.
4. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me :
heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.
5. Mine enemies speak evil of me : When shall he die, and his name perish?

6. And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity :
and his heart conceiveth falsehood within himself,
and when he cometh forth he telleth it.
7. All mine enemies whisper together against me :
even against me do they imagine this evil.
8. Let the sentence of guiltiness proceed against him :
and now that he lieth, let him rise up no more.
9. Yea, even mine own familiar friend, whom I trusted :
who did also eat of my bread, hath laid great wait for me.
10. But be thou merciful unto me, O Lord :
raise thou me up again, and I shall reward them.
11. By this I know thou favourest me :
that mine enemy doth not triumph against me.
12. And when I am in my health, thou upholdest me :
and shalt set me before thy face for ever.
13. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :
world without end. Amen.

Psalm 42

Quemadmodum

1. LIKE as the hart desireth the water-brooks:
so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
2. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God:
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3. My tears have been my meat day and night:
while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
4. Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself:
for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
5. In the voice of praise and thanksgiving:
among such as keep holy-day.
6. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?

7. Put thy trust in God:
for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.
8. My God, my soul is vexed within me:
therefore will I remember thee concerning the land of Jordan,
and the little hill of Hermon.
9. One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes:
all thy waves and storms are gone over me.
10. The Lord hath granted his loving-kindness in the day-time:
and in the night-season did I sing of him,
and made my prayer unto the God of my life.
11. I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast thou forgotten me:
why go I thus heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
12. My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword:
while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;
13. Namely, while they say daily unto me:
Where is now thy God?
14. Why art thou so vexed, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
15. O put thy trust in God:
for I will yet thank him, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 43

Judica me, Deus

1. GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people:
O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.
2. For thou art the God of my strength, why hast thou put me from thee:
and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?
3. O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me:
and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
4. And that I may go unto the altar of God,
even unto the God of my joy and gladness:
and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5. Why art thou so heavy, O my soul:
and why art thou so disquieted within me?
6. O put thy trust in God:
for I will yet give him thanks, which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

1. O CLAP your hands together, all ye people:
O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
2. For the Lord is high, and to be feared:
he is the great King upon all the earth.
3. He shall subdue the people under us:
and the nations under our feet.
4. He shall choose out an heritage for us:
even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
5. God is gone up with a merry noise:
and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
6. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God:
O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
7. For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.
8. God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon his holy seat.
9. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham:
for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

Psalm 48

Magnus Dominus

1. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised :
in the city of our God, even upon his holy hill.
2. The hill of Sion is a fair place, and the joy of the whole earth :
upon the north-side lieth the city of the great King;
God is well known in her palaces as a sure refuge.
3. For lo, the kings of the earth :
are gathered, and gone by together.
4. They marvelled to see such things :
they were astonished, and suddenly cast down.
5. Fear came there upon them, and sorrow :
as upon a woman in her travail.
6. Thou shalt break the ships of the sea : through the east-wind.
7. Like as we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God : God upholdeth the same for ever.
8. We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God :
in the midst of thy temple.
9. O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end :
thy right hand is full of righteousness.
10. Let the mount Sion rejoice, and the daughter of Judah be glad :
because of thy judgements.
11. Walk about Sion, and go round about her :
and tell the towers thereof.
12. Mark well her bulwarks, set up her houses :
that ye may tell them that come after.
13. For this God is our God for ever and ever :
he shall be our guide unto death.

Psalm 49

Audite haec, omnes

1. O HEAR ye this, all ye people:
ponder it with your ears, all ye that dwell in the world;
2. High and low, rich and poor:
one with another.
3. My mouth shall speak of wisdom:
and my heart shall muse of understanding.
4. I will incline mine ear to the parable:
and shew my dark speech upon the harp.
5. Wherefore should I fear in the days of wickedness:
and when the wickedness of my heels compasseth me round about?
6. There be some that put their trust in their goods:
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches.
7. But no man may deliver his brother:
nor make agreement unto God for him;
8. For it cost more to redeem their souls:
so that he must let that alone for ever;
9. Yea, though he live long:
and see not the grave.
10. For he seeth that wise men also die, and perish together:
as well as the ignorant and foolish, and leave their riches for other.
11. And yet they think that their houses shall continue for ever:
and that their dwelling-places shall endure from one generation to another;
and call the lands after their own names.
12. Nevertheless, man will not abide in honour:
seeing he may be compared unto the beasts that perish; .
13. This is the way of them, this is their foolishness:
and their posterity praise their saying.
14. They lie in the hell like sheep, death gnaweth upon them,
and the righteous shall have domination over them in the morning:
their beauty shall consume in the sepulchre out of their dwelling.

15. But God hath delivered my soul from the place of hell:
for he shall receive me.
16. Be not thou afraid, though one be made rich:
or if the glory of his house be increased;
17. For he shall carry nothing away with him when he dieth:
neither shall his pomp follow him.
18. For while he lived, he counted himself an happy man:
and so long as thou doest well unto thyself, men will speak good of thee.
19. He shall follow the generation of his fathers:
and shall never see light.
20. Man being in honour hath no understanding:
but is compared unto the beasts that perish.

Psalm 60

Deus, repulisti nos

1. O God, thou hast cast us out, and scattered us abroad :
thou hast also been displeased; O turn thee unto us again.
2. Thou hast moved the land, and divided it :
heal the sores thereof, for it shaketh.
3. Thou hast shewed thy people heavy things :
thou hast given us a drink of deadly wine.
4. Thou hast given a token for such as fear thee :
that they may triumph because of the truth.
5. Therefore were thy beloved delivered :
help me with thy right hand, and hear me.
6. God hath spoken in his holiness, I will rejoice and divide Sichem :
and mete out the valley of Succoth.
7. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine :
Ephraim also is the strength of my head; Judah is my law-giver;
8. Moab is my wash-pot; over Edom will I cast out my shoe :
Philistia, be thou glad of me.
9. Who will lead me into the strong city :
who will bring me into Edom?

10. Hast not thou cast us out, O God :
wilt not thou, O God, go out with our hosts?
11. O be thou our help in trouble : for vain is the help of man.
12. Through God will we do great acts :
for it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 61

Exaudi, Deus

1. Hear my crying, O God :
give ear unto my prayer.
2. From the ends of the earth will I call upon thee :
when my heart is in heaviness.
3. O set me up upon the rock that is higher than I :
for thou hast been my hope, and a strong tower for me against the enemy.
4. I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever :
and my trust shall be under the covering of thy wings.
5. For thou, O Lord, hast heard my desires :
and hast given an heritage unto those that fear thy Name.
6. Thou shalt grant the King a long life :
that his years may endure throughout all generations.
7. He shall dwell before God for ever :
O prepare thy loving mercy and faithfulness, that they may preserve him.
8. So will I always sing praise unto thy Name :
that I may daily perform my vows.

Psalm 89 (1-19)

Misericordias Domini

1. My song shall be alway of the loving-kindness of the Lord :
with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth
from one generation to another.
2. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever :
thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.
3. I have made a covenant with my chosen :
I have sworn unto David my servant;

4. Thy seed will I stablish for ever;
and set up thy throne from one generation to another.
5. O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works :
and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.
6. For who is he among the clouds :
that shall be compared unto the Lord?
7. And what is he among the gods :
that shall be like unto the Lord?
8. God is very greatly to be feared in the council of the saints :
and to be had in reverence of all them that are round about him.
9. O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee :
thy truth, most mighty Lord, is on every side.
10. Thou rulest the raging of the sea :
thou stillest the waves thereof when they arise.
11. Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it :
thou hast scattered thine enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.
12. The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine :
thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.
13. Thou hast made the north and the south :
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.
14. Thou hast a mighty arm :
strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
15. Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat :
mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
16. Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee :
they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.
17. Their delight shall be daily in thy Name :
and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast.
18. For thou art the glory of their strength :
and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.
19. For the Lord is our defence :
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Psalm 108

Paratum cor meum

1. O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready:
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
2. Awake, thou lute, and harp:
I myself will awake right early.
3. I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people:
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
4. For thy mercy is greater than the heavens:
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
5. Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens:
and thy glory above all the earth.
6. That thy beloved may be delivered:
let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
7. God hath spoken in his holiness:
I will rejoice therefore, and divide Sichem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
8. Gilead is mine, and Manasses is mine:
Ephraim also is the strength of my head.
9. Judah is my law-giver, Moab is my wash-pot:
over Edom will I cast out my shoe, upon Philistia will I triumph.
10. Who will lead me into the strong city:
and who will bring me into Edom?
11. Hast not thou forsaken us, O God:
and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
12. O help us against the enemy:
for vain is the help of man.
13. Through God we shall do great acts:
and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

Psalm 136

Confitemini

1. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious :
and his mercy endureth for ever.
2. O give thanks unto the God of all gods :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
3. O thank the Lord of all lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
4. Who only doeth great wonders :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
5. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
6. Who laid out the earth above the waters :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
7. Who hath made great lights :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
8. The sun to rule the day :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
9. The moon and the stars to govern the night :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
10. Who smote Egypt with their first-born :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
11. And brought out Israel from among them :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
12. With a mighty hand, and stretched out arm :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
13. Who divided the Red sea in two parts :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
14. And made Israel to go through the midst of it :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

15. But as for Pharaoh and his host, he overthrew them in the Red sea :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
16. Who led his people through the wilderness :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
17. Who smote great kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
18. Yea, and slew mighty kings :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
19. Sehon king of the Amorites :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
20. And Og the king of Basan :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
21. And gave away their land for an heritage :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
22. Even for an heritage unto Israel his servant :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
23. Who remembered us when we were in trouble :
for his mercy endureth for ever;
24. And hath delivered us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
25. Who giveth food to all flesh :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
26. O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
for his mercy endureth for ever.
27. O give thanks unto the Lord of lords :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psalm 137

Super flumina

1. BY THE waters of Babylon we sat down and wept:
when we remembered thee, O Sion.
2. As for our harps, we hanged them up:
upon the trees that are therein.
3. For they that led us away captive required of us then a song, and melody in our heaviness:
Sing us one of the songs of Sion.
4. How shall we sing the Lord's song:
in a strange land?
5. If I forget thee, O Jerusalem:
let my right hand forget her cunning.
6. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth:
yea, if I prefer not Jerusalem in my mirth.
7. Remember the children of Edom, O Lord, in the day of Jerusalem:
how they said, Down with it, down with it, even to the ground.
8. O daughter of Babylon, wasted with misery:
yea, happy shall he be that rewardeth thee, as thou hast served us.
9. Blessed shall he be that taketh thy children:
and throweth them against the stones.

Psalm 147

Laudate Dominum

1. O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God :
yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful.
2. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
and gather together the out-casts of Israel.
3. He healeth those that are broken in heart :
and giveth medicine to heal their sickness.
4. He telleth the number of the stars :
and calleth them all by their names.

5. Great is our Lord, and great is his power :
yea, and his wisdom is infinite.
6. The Lord setteth up the meek :
and bringeth the ungodly down to the ground.
7. O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving :
sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
8. Who covereth the heaven with clouds, and prepareth rain for the earth :
and maketh the grass to grow upon the mountains,
and herb for the use of men;
9. Who giveth fodder unto the cattle :
and feedeth the young ravens that call upon him.
10. He hath no pleasure in the strength of an horse :
neither delighteth he in any man's legs.
11. But the Lord's delight is in them that fear him :
and put their trust in his mercy.
12. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem :
praise thy God, O Sion.
13. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates :
and hath blessed thy children within thee.
14. He maketh peace in thy borders :
and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
15. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth :
and his word runneth very swiftly.
16. He giveth snow like wool :
and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17. He casteth forth his ice like morsels :
who is able to abide his frost?
18. He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :
he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow.
19. He sheweth his word unto Jacob :
his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
20. He hath not dealt so with any nation :
neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws

Readings from the Bible – Trinity Term 2026

Week 1 – Easter 2

Thursday 16 April – Easter Carol Service

Week 2 – Easter 3

Monday 20 April – No Evensong

Tuesday 21 April

- Old Testament: Isaiah 65.17 – end *The Prophet tells the exiles in Babylon that God will make things new, there will be no more weeping but joy and hope.*
- New Testament: John 20. 19 – 23 *The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples and they were glad when they saw the Lord*

Thursday 23 April– **George, martyr, patron of England**

- Old Testament: 1 Maccabees 2: 59 –64 *No-one who puts their trust in the Lord will lack strength*
- New Testament: John 15: 18-21 *Jesus tells his disciples that they must expect to be treated as he was treated*

Week 3 – Easter 4

Monday 27 April

- Old Testament: Joel 2: 28 and 29 *The promise of the coming of the Spirit of God.*
- New Testament: Luke 24: 36 – 49 *Jesus appears again to the disciples and explains the events that are happening and tells them to stay in Jerusalem and wait until they receive a power from on high.*

Tuesday 28 April

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 27 – end *They who wait on the Lord will find new strength.*
- New Testament: John 12: 20 - 26 *Jesus explains to the Apostles what lies ahead : death and resurrection*

Thursday 30 April – **1st EP of Phillip and James, Apostles.**

- Old Testament – Isaiah 40:27-end *God gives strength to those who are called.*
- New Testament – John 12:20-26 *Jesus speaks about the importance of how to be his servants.*

Week 4 - Easter 5

Tuesday 5 May

- Old Testament: 2 Samuel 23: 1-5 *The last words of king David recalling the covenant God had made with David.*
- New Testament: John 16: 5 – 11 *Jesus prepares the disciples for his ascension into heaven and for the coming of the Spirit, the Comforter.*

Thursday 7 May

- Old Testament: Exodus 20. 1-21 *God who led Israel out of slavery in Egypt gives to Israel the ten commandments to guide the way they are to live.*
- New Testament: Luke 1.26 – 38 *The angel Gabriel visits Mary telling her that she is to have a child, the Son of God.*

Friday 8 May – Temple Consort – Julian of Norwich

- Old Testament: Exodus 25. 1-22 *The making of the ark, the sign of God's presence with his people.*
- New Testament: Luke 1. 66-end *Zechariah reflects on what his son John the Baptist will be and do. He will prepare the way of the Lord.*

Week 5 – Easter 6 / Ascension

Monday 11 May

- Old Testament: Isaiah 40: 4 and 5 *Isaiah foretells the revealing of the glory of the Lord.*
- New Testament: John 17: 1-11 *We remember the Prayer of Jesus to the Father for those God had given him that they might all be one.*

Tuesday 12 May

- Old Testament: Daniel 7. 9 -14 *A vision of one like the son of man.*
- New Testament: Luke 24. 44-end *The risen Christ is taken up into heaven before the disciples and they are full of joy.*

Thursday 14 May – No Evensong

Week 6 – Easter 7

Monday 18 May

- Old Testament: 2 kings 2. 9 -12 *The prophet Elijah is taken up to heaven.*
- New Testament: Mark 18. 14 – end *The disciples preached everywhere after the Ascension of the Lord.*

Tuesday 19 May Celebrating Pentecost

- A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2.1- 4 and 12 – 21 *The coming of the Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.*
- New Testament: John 16. 4b – 15 *Jesus promises the Spirit of truth to guide his disciples.*

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Week 7 - Trinity

Monday 1 June

- Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-6 *The vocation of God's Servant to be a light to the nations that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*
- New Testament: Matthew 28:16-end *Jesus tells his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity.*

Tuesday 2 June

- Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 *Isaiah's vision in the Jerusalem Temple and the threefold response of the Cherubim, 'Holy, Holy, Holy.'*
- New Testament: John 16; 5-15 *The work of the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Thursday 4 June

- Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5: 1-12 and 16-22 *The ten commandments given to Moses on the mountain of Horeb.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 1-12 *Jesus speaks to the crowd from the mountain.*

Week 8 - Trinity 1

No services this week

Week 9 - Trinity 2

Monday 15 June

- Old Testament: Micah 4: 1-4 *Many nations will go up to the mountain of the Lord to learn of God's ways, nation will not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more.*
- New Testament: Matthew 5: 21 -26 *The call to build reconciliation and friendship where there is anger and dispute.*

Tuesday 16 June – Full Choir Final Evensong of the Year with Valedictions

- Old Testament: Isaiah 55.6-13 *Isaiah calls people to urgently turn back to God for mercy, trust the power and purpose of his word, and rejoice in the complete restoration and lasting transformation he brings.*
 - New Testament: Matthew 28: 16 -20 *Jesus commissions his disciples, affirming his divine authority and enduring presence, to make disciples of all nations through baptism and teaching obedience to his commands.*
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The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange

The Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange consists of a choir of girl choristers and a choir of boy choristers who sing separately alongside adult, professional singers and choral scholars in the Chapel at Rugby School as well as singing by themselves in Bilton Grange School Chapel.

Children are able to join the programme in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 remaining until the age of 13 (the end of Year 8).

All choristers attend Bilton Grange Preparatory School, where they receive a discounted education either as day or boarding pupils. Further means tested support can be provided. Choristers receive free tuition on two musical instruments in addition to their singing.

Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Evensong at Rugby School is sung by the Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange together with the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars of Rugby School. Lay Clerks are members of staff or freelance professional singers, whilst the Choral Scholars are students of Rugby School who may be music scholars and working towards a Choral Scholarship at university.

If you know of a boy or girl in school years 2-7 who loves to sing then you can find out further details of the Rugby Choristers at Bilton Grange via our website: <https://www.rugbyschool.co.uk/co-curricular/chorister-programme/>



We hold a Chorister Experience Day in November where children and their families can visit Bilton Grange to find out more about life as a chorister.

You can find out further details by contacting admissions@biltongrange.co.uk or telephoning 01788 818246.

1A

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he, who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.
2. Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
of the holy harvest field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield.
Then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by His glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.
3. Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heav'nly grace,
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face;
that we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with Thee.
4. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Tune: *Lux Eoi* by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

2A

1. Now is eternal life,
if ris'n with Christ we stand,
in him to life reborn,
and held within his hand;
no more we fear death's ancient dread,
in Christ arisen from the dead.

2. Man long in bondage lay,
brooding o'er life's brief span;
was it, O God, for naught,
for naught, thou madest man?
Thou art our hope, our vital breath;
shall hope undying end in death?

3. And God, the living God,
stooped down to man's estate;
by death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate.
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
who lives in him shall never die.

4. Unfathomed love divine,
reign thou within my heart;
from thee nor depth nor height,
nor life nor death can part;
my life is hid in God with thee,
now and through all eternity.

G.W Briggs (1875-1959)

Tune: *Christchurch* by Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

3A

1. The Lord is risen indeed:
now is his work performed;
now is the mighty captive freed,
and death's strong castle stormed.
2. The Lord is risen indeed:
then hell has lost its prey;
with him is risen the ransomed seed
to reign in endless day.
3. The Lord is risen indeed:
he lives, to die no more;
he lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
whose curse and shame he bore.
4. The lord is risen indeed:
attending angels, hear!
Up to the courts of heaven with speed
the joyful tidings bear.
5. Then take your golden lyres,
and strike each cheerful chord;
join, all ye bright celestial choirs,
to sing our risen Lord.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

Tune: *St Michael* Adapted by William Crotch (1775-1847)

4A

1. Blest be the everlasting God,
the Father of our Lord!
Be his abounding mercy praised,
his majesty adored!
2. When from the dead he raised his Son,
and called him to the sky,
he gave our souls a lively hope
that they should never die.
3. To an inheritance divine
he taught our hearts to rise;
tis uncorrupted, undefiled,
unfading in the skies.

4. Saints by the power of God are kept,
till the salvation come:
we walk by faith as strangers here;
but Christ shall call us home.

Scottish Paraphrases, 1781, 1 Peter 1: 3-5

Tune: *Bishopthorpe* by Jeremiah Clarke (c. 1673-1707)

5A

1. A brighter dawn is breaking,
and earth with praise is waking;
for thou, O King most highest,
the power of death defiest;
2. And thou hast come victorious,
with risen body glorious,
who now for ever livest,
and life abundant givest.
3. O free the world from blindness,
and fill the world with kindness,
give sinners resurrection,
bring striving to perfection.
4. In sickness give us healing,
in doubt thy clear revealing,
that praise to thee be given
in earth as in thy heaven.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Tune: *Nun lasst uns Gott*

Later form of melody in *Selnecker's
Christliche Psalmen*, Leipzig 1587

6A

1. The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.
2. Though nature's strength decay,
and earth and hell withstand,
to Canaan's bounds we urge our way
at his command:
the watery deep we pass,
with Jesus in our view;
and through the howling wilderness
our way pursue.
3. The goodly land we see,
with peace and plenty blest:
a land of sacred liberty
and endless rest;
there milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life for ever grow,
with mercy crowned.
4. There dwells the Lord our King,
the Lord our Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world of sin,
the Prince of peace:
on Sion's sacred height
his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light
for ever reigns.
5. Before the Saviour's face
the ransomed nations bow,
o'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
for ever new;
he shows his prints of love
they kindle to a flame,
and sound through all the worlds above
the slaughtered Lamb.

6. The whole triumphant host
give thanks to God on high;
hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,¹
they ever cry:
hail, Abraham's God, and mine,
(I join the heavenly lays)
all might and majesty are thine,
and endless praise.

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

based on the Hebrew *Yigdal*

Tune: *Leoni* Hebrew melody noted by Thomas Olivers

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1. Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.*
2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

Tune: *Guiting Power* by John Barnard (b. 1948)



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