



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

Second Sunday before Lent

Sunday 23 February 2025

Open University Chapel Choir

Choral Evensong

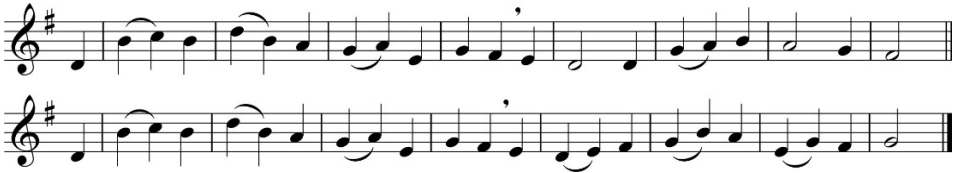
The Christiana Canticles – Rose
The Heavens are Telling – Haydn

Responses – Rose
Psalm 147

The order for the service is on the cream card.

Office Hymn

St Clement



The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended,
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

We thank thee that thy Church,
insleeping
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping
and rests not now by day nor night.

The sun that bids us rest is waking
believers 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doings heard on high.

So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway. *John Ellerton (1826-93)*

The Word of God

Psalmody 147, p.534
First reading Genesis 1.1-2.3
Second reading Matthew 6.25-end

Anthem

Hymn
Gwalchmai



King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

The Organ Voluntary



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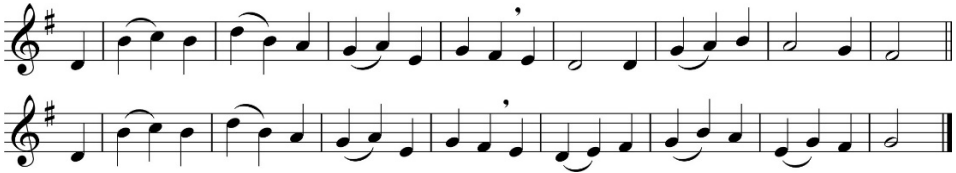
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