

Evensong, 4th Sunday after Easter May 2 2010
Hymns from Common Praise.
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Opening Hymn	490 Jesus shall reign
Psalm	98
Hymn	13 Before the ending of the day
Canticles	Walmisley in D minor
Anthem	O Thou the central Orb (Wood)
Offertory Hymn	443 God is our strength and refuge
Closing Hymn	170 Come down O love divine

Charles Wood (1866 –1926) was an Irish composer and teacher.

He studied composition under Stanford and Parry at Cambridge and after Stanford died, Wood assumed his mentor's vacant role as University of Cambridge Professor of Music in 1924.

Like his better-known colleague ,he is chiefly remembered for his Anglican church music. Among his anthems, Expectans expectavi, Hail, gladdening light, and O thou, the central orb are frequently both performed and recorded.

His pupils included Ralph Vaughan Williams at Cambridge and Herbert Howells at the Royal College of Music.

O thou the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light
Of this our wintry world,
thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,

Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine;
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming clay
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Psalm 98

1 O sing unto the | Lord a •new | song: For | he hath • done | marvel •lous | things.

2 With his own right hand and with his | holy | arm : Hath he | gotten•him | self the | victory.

3 The Lord declared | his sa | | vation : His righteousness hath he openly | shewed • in the | sight • of the | heathen

4 He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the | house of | Israel:

And all the ends of the world have seen the sal | vation | of our |God.

5 Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord | all ye | lands:Sing re | j o i c e and | give | thanks.

6 Praise the Lord up| on the | harp :Sing to the harp| with a | psalm of | thanksgiving.

7 With trumpets | also • and | shawms :O shew yourselves joyful be | fore the | Lord the | King.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that | therein | is : The round world and | they that | dwell there | in

9 Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together be | fore the | Lord: For he is | come to | judge the | earth.

10 With righteousness shall he| judge the | world : And the | people | with | equity.

