

Evensong, Lent 3 Sunday March 7, 2010
Hymns from Common Praise.
(Large print editions available)

And in the red rose blossoms place
Were drops of blood, His brow to grace.

Opening Hymn	496 Lead us heavenly Father
Psalm	12
Hymn	385 Be thou my guardian
Canticles	Noble in B minor
Anthem	Legend (Tchaikovsky)
Offertory Hymn	500 Lift up your hearts!
Closing Hymn	96 Jesu, lover of my soul

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840–1893) is best known as the composer of 6 symphonies and some of the world's most performed ballets including Swan Lake, The Nutcracker and Sleeping Beauty.

The haunting 'Legend', from his 'Childrens' Songs, was arranged by the composer for mixed voices. We are singing an English translation:-

Fair was the garden, blest with flowers,
Where Jesus strayed in childhood's hours;
Tending the red rose blossoms there,
Meet for a crown for him to wear.
To see the roses in their prime,
The children came at morning time,
They plucked the flowers in wanton play,
Strewing yhe petals on their way.
"How wilt thou twine a garland fair,
The flowers are dead, the tree is bare"
Then he replied "I surely gain
A crown of thorns, for they remain"
Then of the thorns the children made
A crown of glory ne'er to fade,

Psalm 12

Help Lord for there is not one | godly man | left :
for the faithful are minished from a | mong the | children • of | men.
2 They talk of vanity every one | with his | neighbour :
they do but natter with their lips, and dissemble | in their | double |
heart.
3 The Lord shall root out all de | ceitful | lips :
and the tongue that | speaketh | proud | things;
4 Which have said, With our tongue will | we pre | vail :
we are they that ought to speak, | who is | lord • over | us ?
5 Now for the comfortless trouble | s sake of • the | needy :
and because of the deep | sighing | of the | poor,
6 I will up| saith the | Lord :
and will help every one from him that swelleth against him | and will | set
him • at | rest.
7 The words of the| Lord are | pure words :
even as the silver which from the earth is tried, and purified | seven
times | in the | fire.
8 Thou shall | keep them • O | Lord :
thou shalt preserve him from | this • gene | ration for | ever.
9 The ungodly walk on | every | side :
when they are exalted, the children of | men are | put to • re | buke.
Glory | be • to the | Father;
and to the Son,
| and • to the | Holy | Ghost:
As it was in the be | ginning • is | now:
And ever shall be, | world with •out | end A | men.

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