



**Benefice of Christ Church and St Mary's, Frome**  
Diocese of Bath and Wells

**Choral Evensong**  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**6.00pm Choral Evensong**

**Prayers:**

**RIP:** Alan Charlesworth, Graham Pearce

**Sick:** Judy Kirkham, Suzanne, Arthur, David Fielden, Koji Saki, Shirley, Jude, Yvonne Stewart

**Years Mind for March:**

David Plaskitt, Lily Harrill, Sheila Margaret Ball, Nora Mitchell, Garth Burrows, June Lamb, Carole Tassell, Gordon Jones-Williams, Jonathan Burgess, Julie Bunce, Elizabeth John, Noreen Spall, Marlene Veale

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**Organ:** Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656), A Verse of three parts

**Hymn 245** God that madest earth and heaven (tune Ar Hyd y Nos)

**Preces,** music by Tomkins

**Psalm 89,** 1-19 (Bairstow)

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.  
For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.  
I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant;  
Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another.  
O Lord, the very heavens shall praise thy wondrous works : and thy truth in the congregation of the saints.

For who is he among the clouds : that shall be compared unto the Lord?  
And what is he among the gods : that shall be like unto the Lord?  
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.  
O Lord God of hosts, who is like unto thee : thy truth, most mighty Lord, is  
on every side.  
Thou rulest the raging of the sea : thou stillest the waves thereof when  
they arise.  
Thou hast subdued Egypt, and destroyed it : thou hast scattered thine  
enemies abroad with thy mighty arm.  
The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine : thou hast laid the  
foundation of the round world, and all that therein is.  
Thou hast made the north and the south : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice  
in thy Name.  
Thou hast a mighty arm : strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.  
Righteousness and equity are the habitation of thy seat : mercy and truth  
shall go before thy face.  
Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee : they shall walk in  
the light of thy countenance.  
Their delight shall be daily in thy Name : and in thy righteousness shall  
they make their boast.  
For thou art the glory of their strength : and in thy loving-kindness thou  
shalt lift up our horns.  
For the Lord is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King.

### **First Reading: Exodus 3.1-6**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

**Magnificat:** Tomkins, Fifth evening service

**Second Reading: John 12.27-36a**

Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, 'We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?' Jesus said to them, 'The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.'

**Nunc dimittis:** Tomkins, Fifth evening service

**Anthem,** Tomkins, "When David heard"

When David heard that Absalom was slain  
He went up to his chamber over the gate  
And wept; and thus he said:  
O my son Absalom, my son  
My son Absalom!  
Would God I had died for thee  
O Absalom, my son, my son!

**Hymn 408** Love divine (tune Blaenwern; descant by C. Robinson)

**Organ:** Tomkins, Fancy



**Retiring collection for church funds.  
Do stay for refreshments.**

**Next evening services:**

Ash Wednesday 5 March 7.30pm Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

Lenten Choral Evensong 6 April 6pm including Allegri's Miserere and Herbert Howells' Collegium Regale Evening Service.



