

Ryedale  
Festival

**SATURDAY**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**  
**7.30PM**  
**YORK MINSTER**

**Elgar**

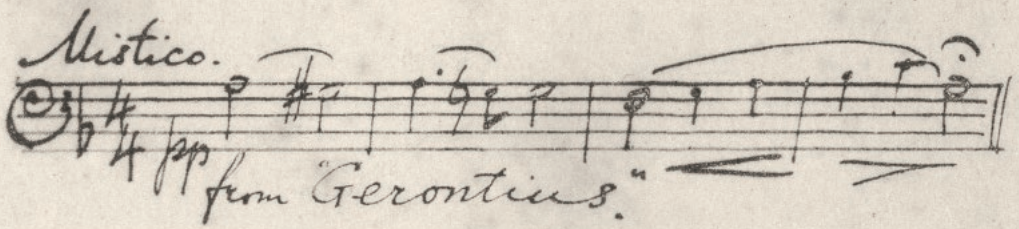
# The Dream of Gerontius

**Sir Mark Elder (conductor)**

**David Butt Philip (tenor)**  
**Claudia Huckle (contralto)**  
**Iain Paterson (bass)**

**Hallé Orchestra**  
**Hallé Choir and Youth Choir**

*Edward Elgar*



## Elgar – The Dream of Gerontius

Gerontius is a dying man, an ‘everyman’ character who commends his soul to God and prays with his friends for a safe passage into the next life. Elgar’s choral masterpiece follows his journey through death, where he meets the guardian angel who guides him past his demons and a brief moment facing the Almighty before leaving him among all the souls in Purgatory to await final salvation. ‘This is the best of me’, wrote Elgar at the end of a score that is full of deep passion, blazing virtuosity, momentous climaxes and a profound sense of mystery. Heard in the splendour of York Minster, with Sir Mark Elder conducting the Hallé and an outstanding team of soloists, this will surely be an unforgettable performance.

*‘Rarely comes a performance of his most celebrated oratorio as beautiful and powerful as this one. I feel I shall never forget the glory of what I heard... What an experience! When Gerontius came to the pearly gates and the orchestra explodes in a lightning orgasm of ecstatic pain, I closed my eyes and wondered if I might have gone to meet my Maker’*  
– The Daily Telegraph

*‘Elder’s is, by a mile, the best-sounding Gerontius we have had, handsome in its depth and breadth with great spatial perspectives and a wonderful sense of how the score is layered’* – Gramophone

The performance will last approximately 90 minutes and there will be no interval.

Tickets may be purchased online, by post or by calling the Box Office

Seating	Price	Quantity	Total (£)
Front, centre nave (reserved)	£45	S O L D	O U T
Middle, centre nave (reserved)	£40		
Middle back, centre nave (reserved)	£35		
Back, centre nave (reserved)	£25		
Front, side aisles (unreserved)	£35		
Middle, side aisles (unreserved)	£25		
Back, side aisles (unreserved)	£20		
Handling charge			£2
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*There are no reductions in ticket prices for Gold/Silver Members or Friends for this event*

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