

# EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG

MARCH 10, 2024

5:30 pm

Welcome to this service of Choral Evensong. Choral Evensong has its roots in the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline, from which it retains a framework in which prayers are chanted, Scripture is read, and canticles (biblical songs) are sung in response to the lessons. Since the sixteenth century, Evensong has provided a daily opportunity for stillness, contemplation, prayer, and praise in the cathedrals, chapels, and great parish churches of England. Today it is sung regularly throughout the Anglican communion (of which the Episcopal Church is a part). The congregation adds its prayer to the offering of the choir, and is encouraged to join heartily in the speaking of responses and the singing of hymns.

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## THE VOLUNTARY: Rhapsody in C-sharp minor

Herbert Howells

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able.

## THE PROCESSION

**INTROIT: Prayer of King Henry VI** 

Henry Ley

Lord Jesus Christ, who created, redeemed, and preordained me to be this that I am, you know what you wish to do with me;

do with me in accordance with your will, with mercy.

Amen.

(Sung in Latin)

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Officiant Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRECES Setting by Stephen Caracciolo

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us. Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.



The people are seated.

# **PSALM 107: Confitemini Domino**

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious \* and his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed \* and delivered from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west \* from the north, and from the south.

They went astray in the wilderness out of the way \* and found no city to dwell in;

Hungry and thirsty \* their soul fainted in them.

So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble \* and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them forth by the right way \* that they might go to the city where they dwelt.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

Chants: Thomas Attwood & George Elvey

For he satisfieth the empty soul \* and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Such as sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death \* being fast bound in misery and iron;

Because they rebelled against the words of the Lord \* and lightly regarded the counsel of the most Highest;

He also brought down their heart through heaviness \* they fell down, and there was none to help them.

So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble \* he delivered them out of their distress.

For he brought them out of darkness, and out of the shadow of death \* and brake their bonds in sunder.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness \* and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

For he hath broken the gates of brass \* and smitten the bars of iron in sunder.

Foolish men are plagued for their offence \* and because of their wickedness.

Their soul abhorred all manner of meat \* and they were even hard at death's door.

So when they cried unto the Lord in their trouble \* he delivered them out of their distress.

He sent his word, and healed them \* and they were saved from their destruction.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness \* and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving \* and tell out his works with gladness!

They that go down to the sea in ships \* and occupy their business in great waters;

These men see the works of the Lord \* and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth \* which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep \* their soul melteth away because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man \* and are at their wit's end.

So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble \* he delivereth them out of their distress.

For he maketh the storm to cease \* so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad, because they are at rest \* and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness \* and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!

That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people \* and praise him in the seat of the elders!

Who turneth the floods into a wilderness \* and drieth up the water-springs.

A fruitful land maketh he barren \* for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

Again, he maketh the wilderness a standing water \* and water-springs of a dry ground.

And there he setteth the hungry \* that they may build them a city to dwell in;

That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards \* to yield them fruits of increase.

He blesseth them, so that they multiply exceedingly \* and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

And again, when they are diminished, and brought low \* through oppression, through any plague, or trouble;

Though he suffer them to be evil intreated through tyrants \* and let them wander out of the way in the wilderness;

Yet helpeth he the poor out of misery \* and maketh him households like a flock of sheep.

The righteous will consider this, and rejoice \* and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.

Whoso is wise will ponder these things \* and they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

### THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 48:8-22

When Israel saw Joseph's sons, he said, 'Who are these?' Joseph said to his father, 'They are my sons, whom God has given me here.' And he said, 'Bring them to me, please, that I may bless them.' Now the eyes of Israel were dim with age, and he could not see well. So Joseph brought them near him; and he kissed them and embraced them. Israel said to Joseph, 'I did not expect to see your face; and here God has let me see your children also.' Then Joseph removed them from his father's knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand towards Israel's left, and Manasseh in his left hand towards Israel's right, and brought them near him. But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on the head of Manasseh, crossing his hands, for Manasseh was the firstborn. He blessed Joseph, and said,

'The God before whom my ancestors Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who has been my shepherd all my life to this day, the angel who has redeemed me from all harm, bless the boys; and in them let my name be perpetuated, and the name of my ancestors Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude on the earth.'

When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand on the head of Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's head. Joseph said to his father, 'Not so, my father! Since this one is the firstborn, put your right hand on his head.' But his father refused, and said, 'I know, my son, I know; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great. Nevertheless, his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his offspring shall become a multitude of nations.' So he blessed them that day, saying,

'By you Israel will invoke blessings, saying, "God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh." '

So he put Ephraim ahead of Manasseh. Then Israel said to Joseph, 'I am about to die, but God will be with you and will bring you again to the land of your ancestors. I now give to you one portion more than to your brothers, the portion that I took from the hand of the Amorites with my sword and with my bow.'

The people remain seated.

# THE MAGNIFICAT: Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense'

Kenneth Leighton

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm;

He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All are seated.

#### THE SECOND LESSON: John 6:27-40

Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 'Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

# THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Collegium Magdalenae Oxoniense'

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The people stand for the Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All remain standing and chant the creed.

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSES Setting by Caracciolo

Cantor The Lord be with you. Choir And with thy Spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the state.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness. Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

#### THE COLLECTS

Cantor

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The people are seated.

#### THE WELCOME

During the following anthem, a collection is taken for the Music Fund at Epiphany. The Music Fund exists to provide the resources necessary to accomplish our mission of excellence in sacred music for the city of Seattle. You may contribute by using the QR code here, or by cash or check. Gifts of stock may be made by contacting Pam Demian at pdemian@epiphanyseattle.org. This evening's service of Choral Evensong is funded directly by your support, and we thank you in advance for your generosity. Gifts of any size are needed and appreciated.



Sung by the choir.

## THE ANTHEM: They that go down to the sea in ships

Herbert Sumsion

They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters;

These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep.

Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

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Then are they glad because they are at rest; and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

#### THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all thou hast made.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;

and that we show forth thy praise,

not only with our lips, but in our lives,

by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,

be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.** 

#### THE BLESSING

Officiant All The Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him

from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

## HYMN: It is well with my soul

Ville du Havre





The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the chapel.

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