

# EPIPHANY†

**CHORAL EVENSONG** 

MAY 5, 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: Cantilène from Trois Pièces pour Grand Orgue, Op. 39

Gabriel Pierné

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

# THE PROCESSION

INTROIT: Vestry Prayer Gerre Hancock

The Lord is in his holy temple.

Let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in:

From this time forth forevermore.

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.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the

light of life."

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

THE PRECES Setting by Richard Ayleward

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.

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

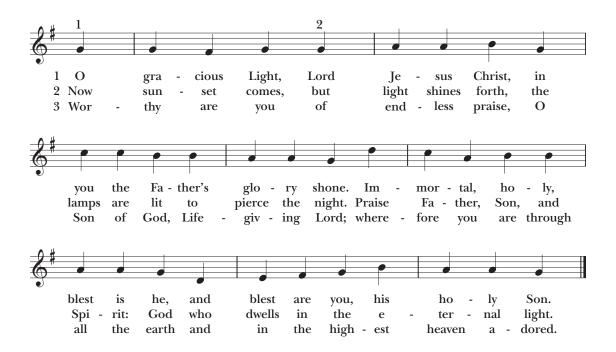
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

#### PHOS HILARON: Hymn 25-O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ



The people are seated.

### **PSALM 34: Benedicam Domino**

Chants: C. F. South and Mark Wilbur Stewart

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord \* the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me \* and let us magnify his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me \* yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.

They had an eye unto him, and were lightened \* and their faces were not ashamed.

Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him \* yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him \* and delivereth them.

O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is \* blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints \* for they that fear him lack nothing.

The lions do lack, and suffer hunger \* but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Come, ye children, and hearken unto me \* I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that lusteth to live \* and would fain see good days?

Keep thy tongue from evil \* and thy lips, that they speak no guile.

Eschew evil, and do good \* seek peace, and ensue it.

The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous \* and his ears are open unto their prayers.

The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil \* to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them \* and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart \* and will save such as be of an humble spirit.

Great are the troubles of the righteous \* but the Lord delivereth him out of all.

He keepeth all his bones \* so that not one of them is broken.

But misfortune shall slay the ungodly \* and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.

The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants \* and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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: Leviticus 25:1-17

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound labourers who live with you; for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food.

You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces.

In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not cheat one another. When you buy from your neighbour, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop-years. If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

The people remain seated.

# THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in F

Harold Friedell

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: James 1:2-8, 16-18

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

The people remain seated.

# THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in F

Friedell

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 Ayleward

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

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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: Non vos relinquam

William Byrd

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia. I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia. And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

(Sung in Latin)

Silence is kept after the anthem.

All stand.

#### 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 The Lord be with you.

All And with thy Spirit.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

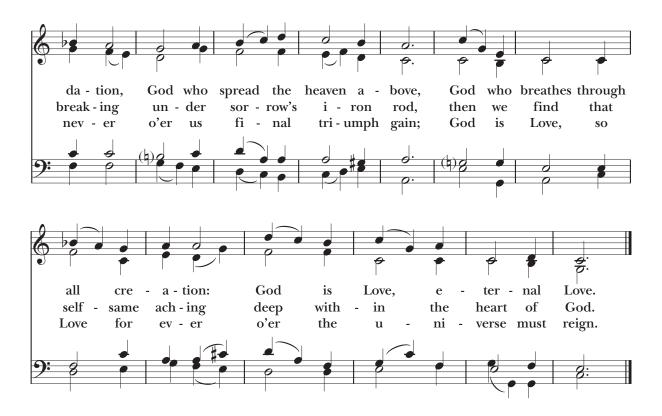
Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him

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

#### HYMN 379: God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh





The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the chapel.

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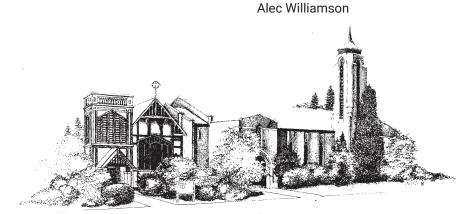
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