

# EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG

JUNE 23, 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

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

# THE PROCESSION

# **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 Malcolm Archer

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;

Choir 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.

## PSALM 19: Caeli enarrant Chant: Thomas Norris

The heavens declare the glory of God \* and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

One day telleth another \* and one night certifieth another.

There is neither speech nor language \* but their voices are not heard among them.

Their sound is gone out into all lands \* and their words into the ends of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun \* which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again \* and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul \* the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart \* the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever \* the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold \* sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant taught \* and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can tell how oft he offendeth \* O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me \* so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart \* be alway acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord \*

my strength, and my redeemer.

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: Numbers 20:1-13

The Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there, and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and against Aaron. The people quarrelled with Moses and said, 'Would that we had died when our kindred died before the Lord! Why have you brought the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here? Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to bring us to this wretched place? It is no place for grain, or figs, or vines, or pomegranates; and there is no water to drink.' Then Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting; they fell on their faces, and the glory of the Lord appeared to them. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and command the rock before their eyes to yield its water. Thus you shall bring water out of the rock for them; thus you shall provide drink for the congregation and their livestock.

So Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he had commanded him. Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, 'Listen, you rebels, shall we bring water for you out of this rock?' Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank. But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'Because you did not trust in me, to show my holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.' These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarrelled with the Lord, and by which he showed his holiness.

The people remain seated.

# THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in E

Bernard Rose

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: Matthew 20:29-34

As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!' The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!' Jesus stood still and called them, saying, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let our eyes be opened.' Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

# THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in E

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 Archer

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 Lord, we beseech thee, make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name, for thou never failest to help and govern those whom thou hast set upon the sure foundation of thy loving-kindness; 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.



I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and covered the earth like a mist.

I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in a pillar of cloud.

Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven and walked the depths of the abyss.

In the waves of the sea and in all the earth, and over every people and nation I got a possession.

With all these I sought rest.

And I took root in a people that was glorified, in the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.

I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon.

I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain.

And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flowers are the fruit of glory and riches.

Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me, and ye be filled with my fruits.

And I came out as a stream from a river. I said,

I will water my garden and will water abundantly my garden-beds.

And lo, my stream became a river, and my river became a sea.

For my thoughts are filled from the sea, and my counsels from the great deep.

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High, and my throne is in a pillar of cloud.

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

# HYMN 24: The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement



The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the chapel.

Serving this evening
Brad Neary, Presider
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