

# EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG AUGUST 25, 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.

#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

#### THE VOLUNTARY: Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 686

J. S. Bach

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: 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 112: Beatus vir Chant: William Marsh

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord \* he hath great delight in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth \* the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house \* and his righteousness endureth for ever.

Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness \* he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

A good man is merciful, and lendeth \* and will guide his words with discretion.

For he shall never be moved \* and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

He will not be afraid of any evil tidings \* for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

His heart is established, and will not shrink \* until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor \* and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

The ungodly shall see it, and it shall grieve him \* he shall gnash with his teeth, and consume away; the desire of the ungodly shall perish.

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: Job 4:1-6, 12-21

Eliphaz the Temanite said to Job: 'If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking? See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened the weak hands. Your words have supported those who were stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees. But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed. Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

'Now a word came stealing to me, my ear received the whisper of it. Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on mortals, dread came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones shake. A spirit glided past my face; the hair of my flesh bristled. It stood still, but I could not discern its appearance. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, then I heard a voice: "Can mortals be righteous before\* God? Can human beings be pure before\* their Maker? Even in his servants he puts no trust, and his angels he charges with error; how much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed like a moth. Between morning and evening they are destroyed; they perish for ever without any regarding it. Their tent-cord is plucked up within them, and they die devoid of wisdom."

#### THE MAGNIFICAT: Second Service

Philip Moore

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: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching.

The people remain seated.

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Second Service

Moore

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 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.

All 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

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. 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: O praise the Lord

Maurice Greene

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: that fulfill his commandments; ye servants that do his pleasure.

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

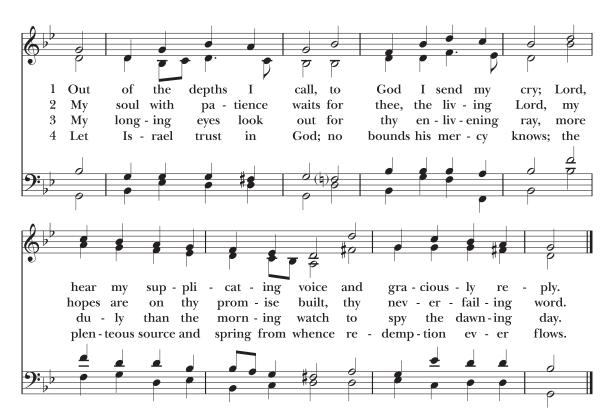
Officiant The Lord be with you.
All And with thy Spirit.
Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 666: Out of the depths I call

St. Bride



The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the back of the church and on the front lawn.



Wednesdays, September 11 - October 30 (6:30 pm - 8:00 pm)

For over 100 years, Epiphany Seattle has been a place for nurturing the human spirit. While our foundation is Christian, our focus is the human soul. This is why we say: "Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you have a place at Epiphany."

RELATA is for the spiritual, but not necessarily religious, designed to remind us that we are connected by our stories.

Come.
Come again.
Bring a friend.

# Conversation Connection Community



Scan the QR code or visit EpiphanySeattle.org/RELATA to register or learn more.

# Who is RELATA for?

- Individuals who are ready to share their story, and excited to hear the stories of others;
- Individuals who are concerned that the wider community is more disconnected than connected;
- Individuals who like talking about spiritual things, and wrestling with big questions and life's mysteries;
- Individuals who love dinner conversations, are happy to meet new people, and don't mind considering ideas outside their comfort zone.

# Why RELATA?

All things are connected. We know this through science and our general observations. Yet, how we fit into this connected cosmos can feel uncertain. Sometimes we feel like we belong, sometimes we don't. Sometimes we aspire, and it doesn't quite work out. Sometimes we fall in love, then heartbreak hits us. Sometimes the operating system through which we create meaning fails us. Why should there be this uncertainty if all things are connected? RELATA is a way of exploring these paradoxes.

### What is RELATA?

RELATA is a series of eight conversations over a meal where people explore stories of belonging, achievement, love, and meaning that shape their lives. Then they wonder about the possibility that there may be something that holds it all together, and if such a thing exists, how does one access it? By the end of RELATA, the hope is that community has been enhanced by the authentic relationships that develop.

**Serving this evening**Diane Carlisle, *Presider* Dr. Wyatt Smith, Guest Organist
The Epiphany Choir
Travis Salisbury, Host The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr. Jad Baaklini Karen Berry

The Rev. Lex Breckinridge Diane Carlisle

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Tiny Homes

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Lorelle Shearer Meals Ministry
Trish Stone All Threads Together

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#### Volunteer Professionals

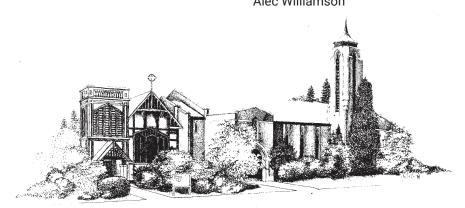
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