

AND MARY SAID,

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the
powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he
made to our ancestors,
to Abraham & to his descendants forever.

EPIPHANY†

— Seattle —

CHORAL EVENSONG

AUGUST 4, 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: *Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572*

Johann Sebastian 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

Plainsong Setting

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.

The people are seated.

PSALM 34: *Benedicam Domino*

Chants: C. F. South and Mark Wilbur Stewart

I will always 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: Judges 6:25-40

That night the Lord said to Gideon, 'Take your father's bull, the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that belongs to your father, and cut down the sacred pole that is beside it; and build an altar to the Lord your God on the top of the stronghold here, in proper order; then take the second bull, and offer it as a burnt-offering with the wood of the sacred pole that you shall cut down.' So Gideon took ten of his servants, and did as the Lord had told him; but because he was too afraid of his family and the townspeople to do it by day, he did it by night.

When the townspeople rose early in the morning, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the sacred pole beside it was cut down, and the second bull was offered on the altar that had been built. So they said to one another, 'Who has done this?' After searching and inquiring, they were told, 'Gideon son of Joash did it.' Then the townspeople said to Joash, 'Bring out your son, so that he may die, for he has pulled down the altar of Baal and cut down the sacred pole beside it.' But Joash said to all who were arrayed against him, 'Will you contend for Baal? Or will you defend his cause? Whoever contends for him shall be put to death by morning. If he is a god, let him contend for himself, because his altar has been pulled down.' Therefore on that day Gideon was called Jerubbaal, that is to say, 'Let Baal contend against him', because he pulled down his altar.

Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the people of the east came together, and crossing the Jordan they encamped in the Valley of Jezreel. But the spirit of the Lord took possession of Gideon; and he sounded the trumpet, and the Abiezrites were called out to follow him. He sent messengers throughout all Manasseh, and they too were called out to follow him. He also sent messengers to Asher, Zebulun, and Naphtali, and they went up to meet them.

Then Gideon said to God, 'In order to see whether you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said, I am going to lay a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there is dew on the fleece alone, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that you will deliver Israel by my hand, as you have said.' And it was so. When he rose early next morning and squeezed the fleece, he wrung enough dew from the fleece to fill a bowl with water. Then Gideon said to God, 'Do not let your anger burn against me, let me speak one more time; let me, please, make trial with the fleece just once more; let it be dry only on the fleece, and on all the ground let there be dew.' And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, and on all the ground there was dew.

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in C

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 1:19-28*

This is the testimony given by John when the Jewish Authorities sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: *Evening Service in C*

Vaughan Williams

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

Plainsong

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, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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: Examine me, O Lord

William Boyce

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart.
For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.

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.

All 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 46: *The duteous day now closeth*

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 The du - teous day now clos - eth, each flower and tree re -
 2 Now all the heaven - ly splen - dor breaks forth in star-light
 3 Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has missed God's lov - ing -

pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and wood: let
 ten - der from myr - iad worlds un - known; and
 kind - ness and plunged us in - to strife; yet

us, as night is fall - ing, on God our Ma - ker
 we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish
 when life's day is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.
 be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.
 cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

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.

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Come again.
Bring a friend.

Conversation Connection Community



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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*

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The Epiphany Choir

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