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CHORAL EVENSONG

SEPTEMBER 22, 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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We invite you to help create the experience of silence before our service. Our hope is to calm our hearts as we prepare to enter into an intensity of shared presence. Thank you for turning off all electronic devices.

THE VOLUNTARY: From: Petit Livre de Prières, op. 24

Au cœur sacré de Jésus Au Saint-Esprit

At the sound of the bell, all stand. THE PROCESSION

INTROIT: Abendlied

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, And the day will soon be over, soon be over, O bide with us, for evening shadows darken. Tr. John Rutter (b. 1945)

(Sung in German)

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

- CantorO Lord, open thou our lips.ChoirAnd our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.CantorO God, make speed to save us.ChoirO Lord, make haste to help us.ChoirGlory 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.CantorPraise ye the Lord.
- *Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

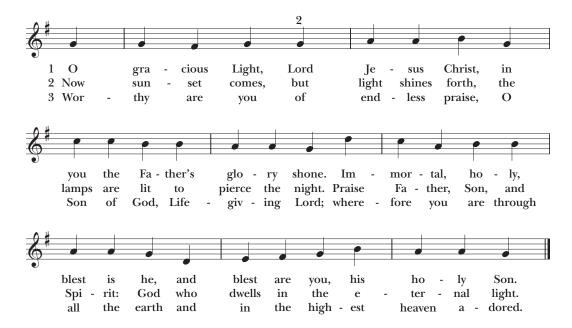
Rolande Falcinelli

Josef Rheinberger

Setting by Kenneth Leighton

Sung by all as the candles are lit. PHOS HILARON: Hymn 25–O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

The Eighth Tune



The people are seated. **PSALM 34: Benedicam Domino**

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.

Chants: C. F. South and Mark Wilbur Stewart

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: Proverbs 3:27-35

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbour, 'Go, and come again; tomorrow I will give it'—when you have it with you. Do not plan harm against your neighbour who lives trustingly beside you. Do not quarrel with anyone without cause, when no harm has been done to you. Do not envy the violent and do not choose any of their ways; for the perverse are an abomination to the Lord, but the upright are in his confidence. The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked, but he blesses the abode of the righteous. Towards the scorners he is scornful, but to the humble he shows favour. The wise will inherit honour, but stubborn fools, disgrace.

The people remain seated. THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service

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 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said, 'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.'

The people remain seated. THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service

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

- *Cantor* The Lord be with you.
- *Choir* And with thy Spirit.
- Cantor Let us pray.

The people kneel or sit.

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. Setting by Leighton

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 us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; 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

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Sung by the choir. THE ANTHEM: Os justi

Anton Bruckner

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart, and his feet do not falter. Alleluia

(Sung in Latin)

Silence and stillness are 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
AllThe Lord be with you.
And with thy Spirit.Officiant
AllLet 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.**

1 Some - times light sur - pris - es the Chris-tian while а he sings; 2 con-tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then In ho - ly pur sue 3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through: 4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit should bear, 6 the Lord who ris es with heal-ing his it is in wings: the theme of God's sal va - tion, and find it \mathbf{ev} - er new; who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too: the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be though all there; when com - forts are de clin - ing, he grants the soul a gain set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say, neath the spread-ing hea - vens no crea-ture but is fed; be -God the same bid - ing, his praise shall tune my yet, a voice; a of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af ter rain. sea - son let the un - known to mor - row bring with it what it may. and he who feeds the rav - ens will give his chil - dren bread. for, while in him con fid - ing, Ι can-not but re - joice.

The people remain standing as the procession exits the church. You are invited to be seated for the conclusion of the voluntary or to exit quietly. Please join us for a reception in the chapel.

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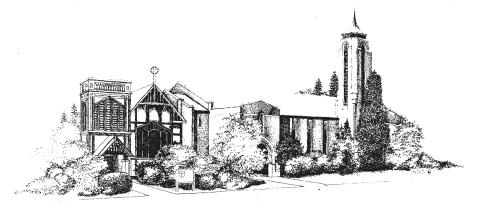
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