

EPIPHANY†

— *Seattle* —

CHORAL EVENSONG

May 12, 2022

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 prayers to the offerings of the choir and is encouraged to join heartily in the speaking of responses and the singing of hymns.

PRELUDE: *At Even-tide*

Charles Villiers Stanford

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

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 Craig Phillips

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 50: *Deus deorum*

Anglican Chant: George Thalben-Ball

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise *
The Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken *
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun, unto the going down thereof.

Out of Sion hath God appeared *
in perfect beauty.

Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence *
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.

He shall call the heaven from above *
and the earth, that he may judge his people.

Gather my saints together unto me *
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

And the heaven shall declare his righteousness *
for God is Judge himself.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak *
I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings *
because they were not alway before me.

I will take no bullock out of thine house *
nor he-goat out of thy folds.

For all the beasts of the forest are mine *
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls upon the mountains *
and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

If I be hungry, I will not tell thee *
for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh *
and drink the blood of goats?

Offer unto God thanksgiving *
and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

And call upon me in the time of trouble *
so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

But unto the ungodly said God *
Why dost thou preach my laws, and takest my covenant in thy mouth;

Whereas thou hatest to be reformed *
and hast cast my words behind thee?

When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst unto him *
and hast been partaker with the adulterers.

Thou hast let thy mouth speak wickedness *
and with thy tongue thou hast set forth deceit.

Thou sattest, and spakest against thy brother *
yea, and hast slandered thine own mother's son.

These things hast thou done, and I held my tongue, and thou thoughtest wickedly,
that I am even such a one as thyself *
but I will reprove thee, and set before thee the things that thou hast done.

O consider this, ye that forget God *
lest I pluck you away, and there be none to deliver you.

Whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me *
and to him that ordereth his conversation right will I shew the salvation of God.

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: Exodus 23:1-17

The Lord said to Moses, 'Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me, on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain; and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain.' So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones; and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name, 'The Lord.' The Lord passed before him, and proclaimed,

'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth, and worshipped. He said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

Observe what I command you today. See, I will drive out before you the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Take care not to make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you are going, or it will become a snare among you. You shall tear down their altars, break their pillars, and cut down their sacred poles (for you shall worship no other god, because the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God). You shall not make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to their gods, someone among them will invite you, and you will eat of the sacrifice. And you will take wives from among their daughters for your sons, and their daughters who prostitute themselves to their gods will make your sons also prostitute themselves to their gods.

You shall not make cast idols.

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 5:21-26

'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.'

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in E

Rose

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 Phillips

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 O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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 sit.

THE WELCOME

At tonight's service, 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 as you exit the service. 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: A Song of Wisdom

Stanford

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.

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.**

Sung by all.

HYMN 633: Word of God, come down on earth

Mt. St. Alban NCA



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be -



heaven de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heaven to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spi - rit, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
pi - ty spo - ken; heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.
all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

The people remain standing as the ministers exit the church.

Serving this evening

Frank Lawler, *Presider*

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The Epiphany Choir

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