

EPIPHANY†

— *Seattle* —

CHORAL EVENSONG

September 22, 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 prayer to the offering of the choir and is encouraged to join in heartily in the speaking of responses and the singing of hymns.

PRELUDE

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 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.

The people are seated.

PSALM 85: *Benedixisti, Domine*

Anglican Chant: Jessica French

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land *
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people *
and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure *
and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour *
and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever *
and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us *
that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord *
and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me *
for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him *
that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth *
and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness *
and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him *
and he shall direct his going in the way.

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: *Esther 7:1-10*

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. The king rose from the feast in wrath and went into the palace garden, but Haman stayed to beg his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that the king had determined to destroy him. When the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman had thrown himself on the couch where Esther was reclining; and the king said, 'Will he even assault the queen in my presence, in my own house?' As the words left the mouth of the king, they covered Haman's face. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated, and he was ashamed.

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Berkshire Service

Malcolm Archer

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: Luke 4:14-30

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." ' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Berkshire Service

Archer

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.

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 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 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: *Like as the Hart*

Robert Powell

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks *
 so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
 My soul is alive with the living God *
 when shall I come to appear before God?
 My tears have been my meat day and night *
 while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me *
 for I had gone with the multitude to the house of God with a voice of joy and praise.
 Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks *
 so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

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 539: O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

The people remain standing as the ministers exit the church.

Serving this evening
 Diane Carlisle, *Presider*
 Zachary Hemenway, *Director of Music*
 The Epiphany Choir

Parish Staff

The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr.	<i>Rector</i>
Jad Baaklini	<i>Director of Communications</i>
Karen Berry	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
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Laura Sargent	<i>Music Department Coordinator</i>
The Reverend Pam Tinsley	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
Dr. Wyatt Smith	<i>Associate Music Director & Dean of the Music Academy</i>

Volunteer Professionals

Bill Forbes	<i>Buildings and Grounds</i>
Thomas Foster	<i>Director of Music Emeritus</i>
Doug Marshall	<i>Treasurer</i>
Kelli Martin	<i>Sermon Editor</i>
Doug Oles	<i>Chancellor</i>
Susan Pitchford	<i>Off-site Anchorite</i>
Julie von Koschembahr	<i>Special Projects</i>

Volunteer Ministry Leaders

Ann Beck	<i>YWCA Cleanup & Teen Feed</i>
Diana Bender	<i>Discernment</i>
Terry Carlisle	<i>Operation Nightwatch</i>
Phil Carter	<i>Ushers</i>
Sally Clarke	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Mike Evans	<i>Service & Outreach</i>
Karen Forbes	<i>Women of Epiphany</i>
Alice Foreman	<i>Flower Ministry</i>
Michael Glass	<i>Yoga</i>
Sherman Griffin	<i>Music at Epiphany</i>
Clip Kniffin	<i>Men's Ministry</i>
Robin Mondares	<i>Pastoral Care</i>
Nancy Morrow	<i>Parkshore Ministry</i>
Laurel Nesholm	<i>Art Guild</i>
Eileen Riley	<i>Service & Outreach</i>
Jonathan Roberts	<i>C. S. Lewis Minyan</i>
Lorelle Shearer	<i>Meals Ministry</i>
Trish Stone	<i>All Threads Together</i>

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Vestry

Kelli Martin - Senior Warden	
Lauren Wearsch - Junior Warden	
Dwayne Shearer - Member at Large	
Vernon Barback	Brian Boyle
Mary Kimball	Judith Mayotte
Warren Morrow	Alvin Moseberry
Eleanor Nelson	Jennifer Williams
Alec Williamson	



Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you have a place at Epiphany.