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CHORAL EVENSONG

APRIL 28, 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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THE VOLUNTARY: Variations sur un thème de Clément Jannequin

At the sound of the bell, all rise as able.

THE PROCESSION

INTROIT: I sought my God

I sought my God and my God I could not find. I sought my soul and my soul eluded me. I sought to serve my neighbor sore in need, And I found all three: my God, my soul, and thee.

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 Philip Leighton

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.
Choir	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.
Cantor	Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Jehan Alain

William Bradley Roberts



The people are seated. **PSALM 8: Domine, Dominus noster**

Chant: Henry Lawes

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world * thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies * that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers * the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him * and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels * to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen * yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!,

PSALM 84: Benedic, anima mea

O how amiable are thy dwellings * thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house * they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee * in whose heart are thy ways.

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well * and the pools are filled with water.

They will go from strength to strength * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our defender * and look upon the face of thine Anointed.

For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God * than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence * the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

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. Chant: C. H. H. Parry

All are seated. THE FIRST LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall each revere your mother and father, and you shall keep my sabbaths: I am the Lord your God. Do not turn to idols or make cast images for yourselves: I am the Lord your God.

When you offer a sacrifice of well-being to the Lord, offer it in such a way that it is acceptable in your behalf. It shall be eaten on the same day you offer it, or on the next day; and anything left over until the third day shall be consumed in fire. If it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it will not be acceptable. All who eat it shall be subject to punishment, because they have profaned what is holy to the Lord; and any such person shall be cut off from the people.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

The people remain seated. THE MAGNIFICAT: St. Peter's Cambridge Service

Carson Cooman

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: Hebrews 12:1-14

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as children—

'My child, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, or lose heart when you are punished by him; for the Lord disciplines those whom he loves, and chastises every child whom he accepts.'

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

The people remain seated. THE NUNC DIMITTIS: St. Peter's Cambridge 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.

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THE RESPONSES

Cantor	The Lord be with you.
Choir	And with thy Spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of 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:As the Apple Tree

As the apple trees among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved, among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste. My beloved spake and said unto me: Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons.

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.**



Robert Walker

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 po

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: Love divine

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The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

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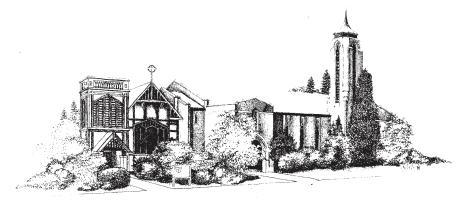
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