

EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG JULY 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.

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE VOLUNTARY: Choral Dorien

Jehan Alain

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 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 84: Quam dilecta!

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.

Chants: C. H. H. Parry

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.

All are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON: Joshua 24:1-15

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness for a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. Then King Balak, son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and

invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not laboured, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Second Service

Philip Moore

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: Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Second Service

Moore

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 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.

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, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; 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: O Praise the Lord

Maurice Greene

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength: that fulfill his commandments; ye servants that do his pleasure

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.

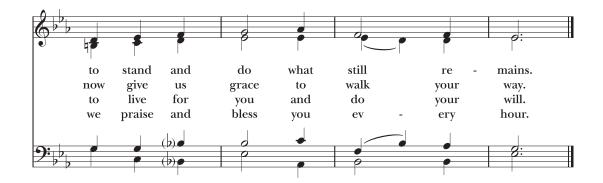
Thanks be to God.

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 23: The fleeting day is nearly gone

Du meiner Seelen





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.

The Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Anne Moldrem



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.

Come.
Come again.
Bring a friend.

Conversation Connection Community



Scan the QR code or visit EpiphanySeattle.org/RELATA to register or learn more.

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
Brad Neary Presider
Zachary Hemenway, Director of Music The Epiphany Choir AJ Alfieri-Crispin, Kevin Crispin-Alfieri, Hosts The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr. Jad Baaklini

Karen Berry The Rev. Lex Breckinridge Diane Carlisle

Pam Demian Amanda Eap Bryan Fiehler John Garlid Zachary Hemenway Dani Lugotoff Gieth Phou Laura Rodde Laura Sargent The Rev. Pam Tinsley Rector

Director of Communications
Parish Administrator
Assisting Priest
Exec. Assistant to the Rector
and Director of Worship
Business Administrator
Parish Life Minister

Audio Visual Minister Music Administrator Director of Music Campus Care Manager

Sexton Chief of Staff

Music Department Coordinator

Associate Priest

Volunteer Ministry Leaders

Ann Beck YWCA Cleanup & Teen Feed

Chaplain Mirabella
Diana Bender Discernment
Susan Bisyak Altar Guild

Holly Boone Service & Outreach
Terry Carlisle Operation Nightwatch

Phil Carter Ushers

Valerie Conn Women's Retreat Group

Jenny Cummins Tiny Homes

Karen Forbes

Alice Foreman

Michael Fraas

Sherman Griffin

Clip Kniffin

Pete Melin

Women's Retreat Group
Flower Ministry
Chaplain Parkshore
Music at Epiphany
Men's Ministry
Tiny Homes

Bethany Miller Chaplain Washington Park

Tower

Nancy Morrow Parkshore Ministry

Laurel Nesholm Art Guild

Jonathan Roberts C. S. Lewis Minyan
Lorelle Shearer Meals Ministry
Trish Stone All Threads Together

To find out more about all of our ministries go to **epiphanyseattle.org/engage**.

Volunteer Professionals

Bill Forbes
Doug Marshall
Mary McGuire
Doug Oles
Susan Pitchford

Buildings and Grounds Treasurer Children's Sermon Chancellor Off-site Anchorite

Vestry

Dwayne Shearer - Senior Warden Mary Kimball - Junior Warden Ron Lee - Member at Large

Lee Anderson-Brooke Barbara Cairns Jodi Markus Wendy Sefcik Alec Williamson George Brumder John Cary Barb Marshall Lesa Sroufe



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