

EPIPHANY†

CHORAL EVENSONG

OCTOBER 27, 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.

Dear Evensong friends,

I write this letter to you as I am listening to the Epiphany Evensong podcast. Every week on Tuesday we publish a curated Evensong from the prior Sunday (on your favorite podcast platform) to all the world. We reach 61 countries, with an average of 90 downloads a week, at a total of 9841 downloads since we started airing. It is our gift of beauty to all who have ears to hear.

You are part of this gift as a present witness and active voice participating in the spiritual exercise of Evensong. For five-hundred years, daily, in churches and cathedrals the world over, the spiritual exercise of Evensong has been practiced as a means of softening hearts and lifting souls, formed and reformed, to return to the patterns and duties of life with a bit more patience, mercy and grace. That is why we sing Evensong, and the world is better for it.

Epiphany's support of Evensong is significant, paying eighteen professional choral singers each week. We do so, in part, through the money raised by our Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal is when we ask people who participate in the life of this parish by making a pledge of financial support for the coming year. Pledges are the primary way we pay all the activities that happen at Epiphany. If you are nurtured by Evensong, or other aspects of Epiphany, I would like to invite you to make a pledge for 2025.

What is an appropriate amount to pledge? There are two ways to think about it. One is to consider what you would pay for a ticket at a different venue for an experience of equivalent talent and beauty. Another is to reflect on the abundance of your life and make a gift that reflects the wealth of financial blessing that has been bestowed upon you by good fortune and hard work. It is this second way of considering your pledge that allows us to keep the doors open to all who come in, as well as all who listen around the world.

Included in the bulletin is a pledge card. I invite you to fill it out and become a patron of Evensong at Epiphany.

If you would like to find out more about Epiphany, the Annual Appeal, or how to pledge, I would be happy to talk to you, or you can contact me at dconn@epiphanyseattle.org.

Thank you for your participation.

Peace upon your soul.

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CHORAL EVENSONG

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: Choral Dorien

Jehan Alain

At the sound of the bell, all stand.

THE PROCESSION

INTROIT: Present yourselves as a living sacrifice

James O'Donnell

Present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Hold fast to what is good; be fervent in spirit, rejoice in hope. Consider what is noble in the sight of all.

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRECES Setting by Jessica French

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;

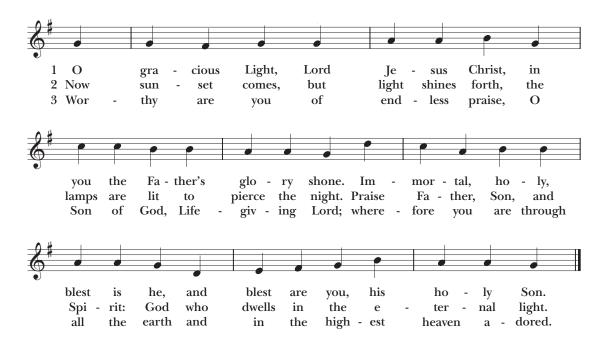
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;

world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Chants: E. C. Baristow



The people are seated.

PSALM 63: Deus, Deus meus

O God, thou art my God * early will I seek thee.

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee * in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness * that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself * my lips shall praise thee.

As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner * and lift up my hands in thy Name.

My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness * when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.

Have I not remembered thee in my bed * and thought upon thee when I was waking?

Because thou hast been my helper * therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul hangeth upon thee * thy right hand hath upholden me.

These also that seek the hurt of my soul * they shall go under the earth.

Let them fall upon the edge of the sword * that they may be a portion for foxes.

But the King shall rejoice in God; all they also that swear by him shall be commended * for the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

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: Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33

Before you speak, learn; and before you fall ill, take care of your health. Before judgement comes, examine yourself; and at the time of scrutiny you will find forgiveness. Before falling ill, humble yourself; and when you have sinned, repent. Let nothing hinder you from paying a vow promptly, and do not wait until death to be released from it. Before making a vow, prepare yourself; do not be like one who puts the Lord to the test. Think of his wrath on the day of death, and of the moment of vengeance when he turns away his face. In the time of plenty think of the time of hunger; in days of wealth think of poverty and need. From morning to evening conditions change; all things move swiftly before the Lord.

One who is wise is cautious in everything; when sin is all around, one guards against wrongdoing. Every intelligent person knows wisdom, and praises one who finds her. Those who are skilled in words become wise themselves, and pour forth apt proverbs.

Do not follow your base desires, but restrain your appetites. If you allow your soul to take pleasure in base desire, it will make you the laughing-stock of your enemies. Do not revel in great luxury, or you may become impoverished by its expense. Do not become a beggar by feasting with borrowed money when you have nothing in your purse.

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in E

Herbert Murrill

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.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 10:15-24

I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Consider the people of Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices partners in the altar? What do I imply then? That food sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be partners with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or are we provoking the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

'All things are lawful', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful', but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of others.

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in E

Murrill

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 French

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.

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

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 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: Glorious and powerful God

Charles Wood

Glorious and powerful God, we understand thy dwelling is on high, above the starry sky. Thou dwellest not in stone temples made with hand; but in the flesh hearts of the sons of men to dwell is thy delight, near hand, though out of sight.

We give of thine own hand, thy acceptation is very life and blood, to all actions good. Whenever here or hence our supplication, from pure and with unfeigned hearts, to thee ascends, be present with thy grace, shew us thy loving face.

Oh! Down on us full showers of mercy send, let thy love's burning beams dry up all our sin's streams. Arise, O Lord, and come into thy rest. Both now and evermore thy Name be blest, Founder and Foundation, of endless habitation. Amen.

Silence and stillness are kept after the anthem.

All stand.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

ΑII 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 662: Abide with me: fast falls the eventide

Eventide



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.

Serving this evening

Kelli Martin, Presider
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