

EPIPHANY

Seattle

CHORAL EVENSONG

CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER, OBSERVED

JANUARY 19, 2025

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

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

THE PROCESSION

INTROIT: O lux beata trinitas William Byrd

O Trinity of blessed light
O Unity of princely might,
The fiery sun now goes his way;
Shed Thou within our hearts Thy ray.

To Thee our morning song of praise, To Thee our evening prayer we raise; Thy glory suppliant we adore Forever and forevermore.

All laud to God the Father be; All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the Holy Paraclete.

(Sung in Latin)

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 John Barnard

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 118: Confitemini Domino

Alan Gray & J. Jones

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious * because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now confess, that he is gracious * and that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now confess * that his mercy endureth for ever.

Yea, let them now that fear the Lord confess * that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in trouble * and the Lord heard me at large.

The Lord is on my side *
I will not fear what man doeth unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me * therefore shall I see my desire upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord * than to put any confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord * than to put any confidence in princes.

All nations compassed me round about * but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They kept me in on every side, they kept me in, I say, on every side * but in the Name of the Lord will I destroy them.

They came about me like bees, and are extinct even as the fire among the thorns * for in the Name of the Lord I will destroy them.

Thou hast thrust sore at me, that I might fall * but the Lord was my help.

The Lord is my strength, and my song * and is become my salvation.

The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings of the righteous * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence * the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.

I shall not die, but live * and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected me * but he hath not given me over unto death.

Open me the gates of righteousness * that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord * the righteous shall enter into it.

I will thank thee, for thou hast heard me * and art become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders refused * is become the head-stone in the corner.

This is the Lord's doing * and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Help me now, O Lord * O Lord, send us now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the Name of the Lord * we have wished you good luck, ye that are of the house of the Lord.

God is the Lord who hath shewed us light * bind the sacrifice with cords, yea, even unto the horns of the altar.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee * thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious * and his mercy endureth 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 FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:8-13

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in A

Byron Adams

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 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in A

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 Barnard

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

Almighty Father, who didst inspire Simon Peter, first among the Apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the Living God: Keep thy Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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: Tu es petrus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

And upon this Rock I will build My Church: and the gates of hell shall not overcome it.

And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind upon earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you release upon earth shall be released in heaven, and I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven.

(Sung in Latin)

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.



The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the chapel.

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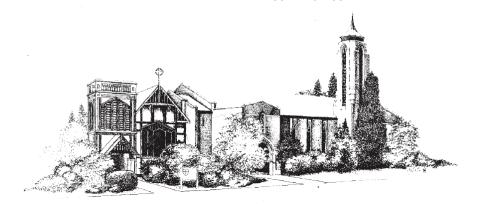
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