

AND MARY SAID,

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor
on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations
will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done
great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud
in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the
powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he
made to our ancestors,
to Abraham & to his descendants forever.

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Seattle

CHORAL EVENSONG

MAY 11, 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: *Pastorale*

Alec Rowley

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

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 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 Radcliffe

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.

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.

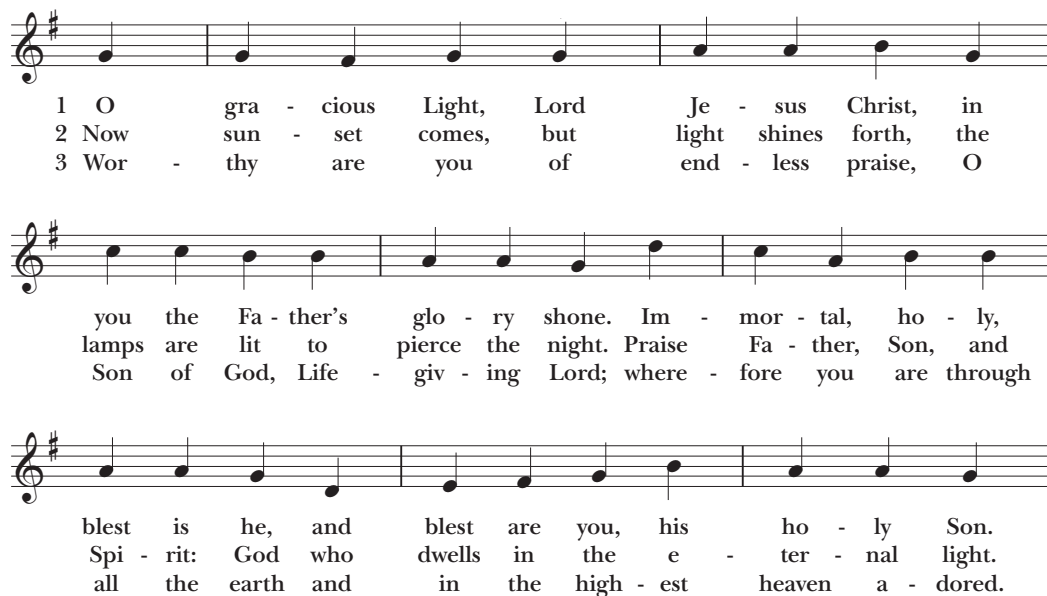
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Sung by all as the candles are lit.

PHOS HILARON: Hymn 25—O gracious Light

The Eighth Tune



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

PSALM 103: *Benedic, anima mea*

Chants: C. V. Stanford

Praise the Lord, O my soul *
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul *
and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thy sin *
and healeth all thine infirmities;

Who saveth thy life from destruction *
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things *
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement *
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

He shewed his ways unto Moses *
his works unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy *
long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not always be chiding *
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins *
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth *
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west *
so far hath he set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children *
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

For he knoweth whereof we are made *
he remembereth that we are but dust.

The days of man are but as grass *
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone *
and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him *
and his righteousness upon children's children;

Even upon such as keep his covenant *
and think upon his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven *
and his kingdom ruleth over all.

O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength *
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.

O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts *
ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion *
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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: *Wisdom 1:1-15*

Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the Lord in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness.

For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues. Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said, therefore those who utter unrighteous things will not escape notice, and justice, when it punishes, will not pass them by. For inquiry will be made into the counsels of the ungodly, and a report of their words will come to the Lord, to convict them of their lawless deeds; because a jealous ear hears all things, and the sound of grumbling does not go unheard. Beware then of useless grumbling, and keep your tongue from slander; because no secret word is without result, and a lying mouth destroys the soul.

Do not invite death by the error of your life, or bring on destruction by the works of your hands; because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

The people remain seated.

THE MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in A

Herbert Sumsion

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 6:1-11

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the cornfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. But some of the Pharisees said, 'Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' Jesus answered, 'Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?' Then he said to them, 'The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.'

On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come and stand here.' He got up and stood there. Then Jesus said to them, 'I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?' After looking around at all of them, he said to him, 'Stretch out your hand.' He did so, and his hand was restored. But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

The people remain seated.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in A

Sumsion

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 Radcliffe

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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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

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Sung by the choir.

THE ANTHEM: *The Lord is my shepherd*

Lennox Berkeley

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy
staff they comfort me.

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.

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.**

HYMN 667: Sometimes a light surprises

Light

1 Some - times a light sur - pris - es the Chris - tian while he sings;
2 In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
3 It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through:
4 Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit should bear,
it is the Lord who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings:
the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple, too:
though all the fields should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;
when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
set free from pre - sent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
be - neath the spread - ing hea - vens no crea - ture but is fed;
yet, God the same a - bid - ing, his praise shall tune my voice;
a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may.
and he who feeds the rav - ens will give his chil - dren bread.
for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

The people remain standing as the procession exits the church.

You are invited to a reception in the chapel.



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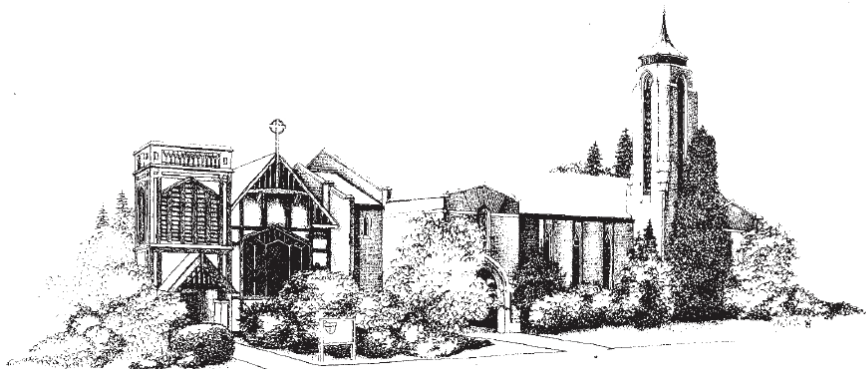
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