



CHORAL EVENSONG

6:00P

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Choral Evensong

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The Word of God

OPENING SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

(P.115)

Officiant I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. – *Psalm 16:7,8*

Pre-service Music
Ricercare Primi Toni
(Giovanni Gabrieli)

Confession of Sin

(P.116)

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us, with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

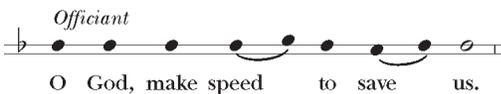
All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People Amen.

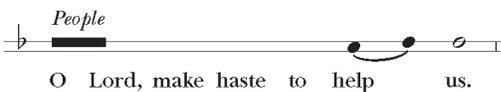
The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant



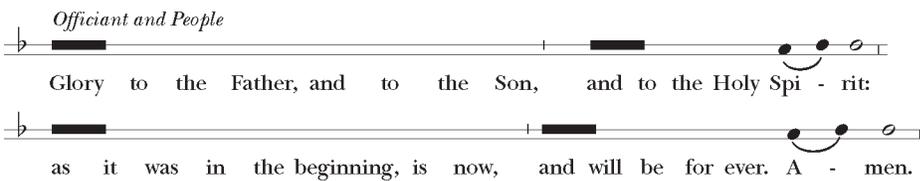
O God, make speed to save us.

People



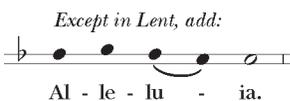
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Except in Lent, add:



Al-le-lu-ia.

Candlelighting

O Gracious Light (McNeil Robinson — words adapted from *Phos Hilaron*)

Choir O Gracious Light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

The Psalter

PSALM 96

Choir 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."
11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

FIRST LESSON Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22

Lector While I was still young, before I went on my travels, I sought wisdom openly in my prayer. Before the temple I asked for her, and I will search for her until the end. From the first blossom to the ripening grape my heart delighted in her; my foot walked on the straight path; from my youth I followed her steps. I inclined my ear a little and received her, and I found for myself much instruction. I made progress in her; to him who gives wisdom I will give glory. For I resolved to live according to wisdom, and I was zealous for the good, and I shall never be disappointed. My soul grappled with wisdom, and in my conduct I was strict; I spread out my hands to the heavens, and lamented my ignorance of her. I directed my soul to her, and in purity I found her. With her I gained understanding from the first; therefore I will never be forsaken. My heart was stirred to seek her; therefore I have gained a prize possession. The Lord gave me my tongue as a reward, and I will praise him with it.

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The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY *Magnificat in C*

(R.V. Williams)

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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.

Luke 1.46-55

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.

Lector Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church. NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc-Dimittis in C*

(R.V. Williams)

Choir 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.
 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.

Luke 2.29-32

The Apostles' Creed

(P. 120)

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

We pray for those...

In need of comfort

Beth
 Barbara Crudgington
 Art Crudgington
 Donna Jolink
 Virginia Hickox
 Jann Swearingen
 Darlene Anderson
 Grayson Cecil
 Tommy Lou
 Robin
 Pat Jones
 Sam Perry
 Barbara Pitts
 Susan Novak
 Zachary Farley
 Mollie Shands
 Tom
 Ernie Dean
 Jack
 Cindy
 Lily
 Maya
 Martha
 Sam Kimberlin
 Alison Kimberlin
 Paul
 William
 Bob
 Felicia Retiz
 Julie Harrington
 Will
 Charlotte Brady
 Melissa
 Jerry Walker
 Susan Sargent
 Marjorie
 Pete Peterson
 Coleman Horton
 Leonard
 Anne
 Harriet Rutland
 Michael
 Taylor
 Heiser family
 Hale family
 Doyle family

The Prayers

Choral Evensong [6]

Officiant *People* *Officiant*

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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The Officiant and People pray responsively:

Officiant V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

People R. And grant us your salva - tion.

Officiant V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;

People R. Let your people sing with joy.

Officiant V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.

Officiant V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;

People R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.

Officiant V. Let your way be known up - on earth;

People R. Your saving health among all na - tions.

Officiant V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;

People R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.

Officiant V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

Expecting the birth of a child

Claire Quisenberry Hawley
Avery McNamara
Christine Mansour Alkayl
Lauren
Courtney Patton
Amy Gray
Sarah McNamara
Nicole Olesh
Courtney Moreland Lippe
Lillyan Duck
Katie Crowley
Jessica Sherrets
Allison Sjoberg Leatherman
Cathleen Naumann
Sarah Brayne
Blair Nelson
Allyson Jones Clayton
Kristen Dillavou

Deaths

Mary Hale

Serving in the armed forces

Staton Jobe
Shay Archer
Connor Downing
Starr Ekanga
Alexandra Mauro
Michael Hart
Nico Barrangan
Joseph Turner
Davis Brown
Brandon Sharp
Katy Whitbeck
Clayton Baker
Jim Lively
Patrick Murphy
Andrew Gray
Claten Bechtol
Zachary Pierce

