



# CHORAL EVENSONG

## 6:00 P

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The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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## The Service of Light

¶ *The church is dark, or partially so, when the service is to begin.*

**Pre-service Music**  
*Nun Komm, der Heiden*  
*Heiland, BWV 659, 660*  
(Johann Seb. Bach)

*Officiant* Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### THE SHORT LESSON

*Officiant* The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, or your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended.— *Isaiah 60:19,20*

### THE PRAYER FOR LIGHT

*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* Amen.

## Candlelighting

*O Gracious Light*

(Louis Bourgeois – words adapted from *Phos Hilaron*)

*Choir* O gladsome light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing:  
Celestial holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.  
Now ere day fadeth quite, we see the evening light,  
our wonted hymn outpouring Father of might unknown,  
Thee, his incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.  
To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, life-giver. Thee, therefore, O Most High,  
the world doth glorify, and shall exalt forever. Amen.

## The Psalter

### PSALM 63:1-8

*Choir* 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.  
2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.  
3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.  
4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.  
5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.  
7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.  
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.

### PSALM 98

*Choir* 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.  
2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.  
3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.  
4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.  
5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.  
6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.  
7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.  
8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.  
9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.  
10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.  
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 Lessons

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 13:6-13

*Lector* Wail, for the day of the Lord is near;  
it will come like destruction from the Almighty!  
Therefore all hands will be feeble,  
and every human heart will melt,  
and they will be dismayed.  
Pangs and agony will seize them;  
they will be in anguish like a woman in labor.  
They will look aghast at one another;  
their faces will be aflame.  
See, the day of the Lord comes,  
cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,  
to make the earth a desolation,  
and to destroy its sinners from it.  
For the stars of the heavens and their constellations  
will not give their light;  
the sun will be dark at its rising,  
and the moon will not shed its light.  
I will punish the world for its evil,  
and the wicked for their iniquity;  
I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant,  
and lay low the insolence of tyrants.  
I will make mortals more rare than fine gold,  
and humans than the gold of Ophir.  
Therefore I will make the heavens tremble,  
and the earth will be shaken out of its place,  
at the wrath of the Lord of hosts  
in the day of his fierce anger.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF MARY *Magnificat in B-Flat*

(Thomas Morley)

*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* You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis in B-Flat*

(Thomas Morley)

*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*


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**We pray for those...**


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**In need of comfort**

Nada Lulic  
 Kristin Svahn  
 Tom  
 Nancy McAllister  
 Maegan McKerrow  
 Elizabeth  
 Herman Barnett  
 Will  
 Holly Noelke  
 Kris Wright  
 Helen Arnold  
 Cathy Holland  
 Peter Fuller  
 Ernie Dean  
 Julia Fish  
 Ann Whiting  
 Jean Nelle  
 Aaron Callendar  
 Ann Reysa  
 Beth  
 Darlene Anderson  
 Robin  
 Sam Perry  
 Barbara Pitts  
 Susan Novak  
 Pat Jones  
 Mollie Shands  
 Tom  
 Jack  
 Cindy  
 Alison Kimberlin  
 Paul  
 William  
 Felicia Retiz  
 Julie Harrington  
 Will  
 Charlotte Brady  
 Melissa  
 Susan Sargent  
 Marjorie  
 Coleman Horton  
 Leonard  
 Anne  
 Harriet Rutland  
 Michael  
 Taylor  
 Collins family  
 Carper family  
 Corwin family



 *The Officiant and People pray responsively:*

*Officiant*



That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

*People*

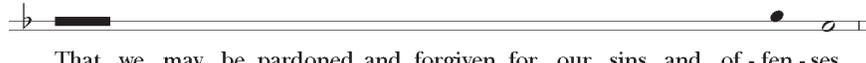


We en - treat you, O Lord.

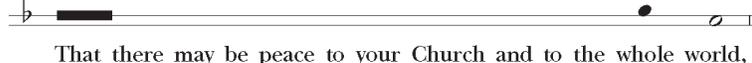
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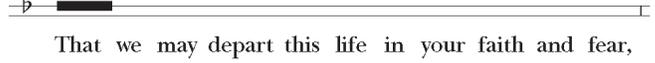
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



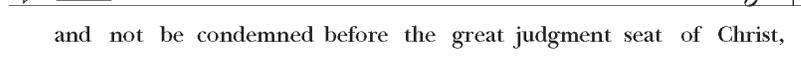
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



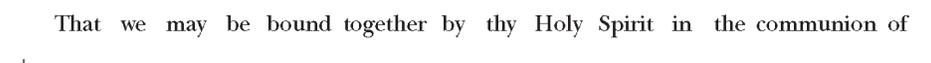
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



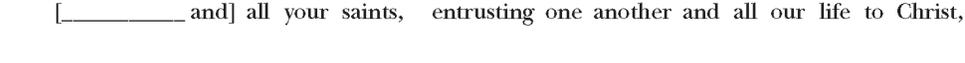
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of



[\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

*Choir* Amen.

#### COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Choir* Amen.

ANTHEM *There was a Man named John*

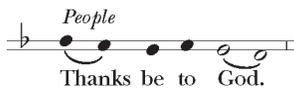
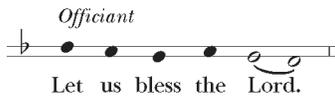
(Russell Schulz)

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*Officiant* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

*People* Amen.

## The Dismissal



*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

*People* Amen.

**Postlude**

*Nun komm, der Heiden  
Heiland, BWV 661  
(Johann Seb. Bach)*