



CHORAL EVENSONG 6:00P

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 14, 2021

Choral Evensong

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The Service of Light

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

Officiant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Pre-service Music

*Prelude E minor,
BWV 548
(J.S. Bach)*

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 Gladsome Light

(Harrison Oxley – words adapted from *Phos Hilaron*)

Choir O gladsome light, of the holy glory of the immortal Father,
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
Now that we have come to the setting of the sun,
and behold the lights of evening,
we praise you: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
For it is right at all times to worship you with voices of praise,
O Son of God and giver of life.
Therefore, all the world glorifies you, O Son of God,
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Psalter

PSALM 107:1-3, 17-22

- Choir*
- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,*
and his mercy endures for ever.
 - 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim*
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
 - 3 He gathered them out of the lands;*
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
 - 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways;*
they were afflicted because of their sins.
 - 18 They abhorred all manner of food*
and drew near to death's door.
 - 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,*
and he delivered them from their distress.
 - 20 He sent forth his word and healed them*
and saved them from the grave.
 - 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy*
and the wonders he does for his children.
 - 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving*
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Lessons

FIRST LESSON Numbers 21:4-9

Lector From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

SECOND LESSON John 3:14-21

Lector Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God." NRSV

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant and People pray responsively:

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

People *People*
 We en - treat you, O Lord.
 (This response is sung after each petition)

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,

Expecting the birth of a child

- Sarah Brayne
- Blair Nelson
- Courtney Schlegel
- Allyson Jones Clayton
- Kristen Dillavou
- Kathryn Richter
- Meagan Hunter
- Sara Oswalt
- Amy Rogers
- Paige Tiemann

Deaths

- William Craig Holford
- Charles McGaffey
- James Fish
- Martha Sheppard

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 *Ave Verum Corpus*

(W. A. Mozart)

INTERCESSIONS

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.

Serving in the armed forces

- Caleb Hayen
- Staton Jobe
- Shay Archer
- Connor Downing
- Alexandra Mauro
- Michael Hart
- Nico Barrangan
- Joseph Turner
- Davis Brown
- Brandon Sharp
- Clayton Baker
- Jim Lively
- Andrew Gray
- Claten Bechtol
- Zachary Pierce

