



# St. John's Episcopal Church

*A place to discover connections with God and one another*  
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*Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

CHORAL EVENSONG

February 26, 2017

5:00 p.m.

## WELCOME

You have wisely chosen to spend your Sunday evening with us, participating in one of the most beautiful ancient customs of Anglican Worship – Choral Evensong. What you are about to experience is a powerful connection between your earthly life and the divine. Although the formal version of this service was established in 1549, the prayers contained therein harken back even further into antiquity.

A statement from Coventry Cathedral, England, reads: “Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

Your role as a participant is simply to be in a quiet space, allow the prayers of the clergy and choir to enter your soul, and sing and recite the portions indicated, as you feel comfortable. Together, we offer this worship to the glory of God alone, that it might make the day we have just shared holy and perfect, and prepare us for the week ahead.

Scott Lamlein, *Director of Music and Organist*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Please turn off your portable devices upon arrival, and observe silence.*

*Your donations, collected at the door, make these services and events possible. Thank you for your generosity.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Contemplation

Richard Purvis (1913-1994)

*The people stand (as they are able) as the procession enters the Nave, and are seated when the choir sits.*

INTROIT

Oculus non vidit

Orlande de Lassus (1532-1594)

Words: 1 Corinthians 2:9

Oculus non vidit, nec auris audivit, nec in cor hominis ascendit, quae preparavit Deus his, qui diligunt illum.

*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.*

*The people stand.*

## OPENING SENTENCE

Isaiah 49:6b

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

## THE PRECES

Richard Webster (b. 1952)

*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 Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

*The people are seated.*

## PSALM 2

*Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

Plainsong, Tone VIII.1

Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*

against the Lord and against his Anointed?

“Let us break their yoke,” they say; \*

let us cast off their bonds from us.”

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*

the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*

and his rage fills them with terror.

“I myself have set my king \*

upon my holy hill of Zion.”

Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*

he said to me, “You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod \*

and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

And now, you kings, be wise; \*

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, \*

and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish; \*

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all \*

who take refuge in him!

*The people stand.*

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 people are seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## MAGNIFICAT in C minor

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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.

*The people stand.*

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 people are seated.*

## SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling

white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

NUNC DIMITTIS in C minor

George Dyson

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.*

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 people chant on a monotone:*

APOSTLES' CREED

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 PRAYERS

Richard Webster

*Cantor*      The Lord be with you.  
*Choir*        And with thy spirit.  
*Cantor*      Let us pray.

*The people kneel or remain standing.*

Choir 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, show thy mercy upon us.  
 Choir And grant us thy salvation.  
 Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
 Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.  
 Cantor Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,  
 Choir For only in thee can we live in safety.  
 Cantor Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
 Choir And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
 Cantor Let thy ways be known upon earth;  
 Choir Thy saving health among all nations.  
 Cantor Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 Choir Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
 Cantor Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 Choir And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

**THE COLLECTS** *“Amen” is sung by the Choir.*

*Of the day*

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*For Church Musicians and Artists*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with thy servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by thy people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of thy beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled forevermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*For Mission*

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The people are seated.*

**A GREETING**

The Reverend William J. Eakins, *Priest Associate*

## ANTHEM

Notre Père

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
 que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.  
 Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
 Pardonne-nous nos offenses comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
 Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal,  
 car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles. Amen.

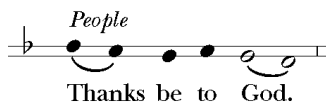
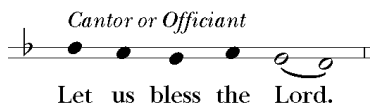
*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.  
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For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

*The people stand and say together:*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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. 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## DISMISSAL



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

*The people sing, together with the choir:*

## HYMN 43

All praise to thee, my God, this night

THE EIGHTH TUNE

## CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens (1883-1821)

*The people may be seated once the procession has exited the Nave.  
 Please remain quiet out of respect for those who wish to listen to the Voluntary.*

## Participants

The Reverend William J. Eakins, *Officiant* + Daaé Ransom, *Cantor*  
 Kari Miller, *Assisting Organist* + John Nowacki, *Crucifer*



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. each Sunday morning

5:00 p.m. Evensong on selected last Sundays of the month

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer each Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Christian Education at 9:30 a.m. September – May

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