



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

CHORAL EVENSONG

January 28, 2018

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.

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

Aria

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

The people stand (as they are able) as the procession enters the Nave..

OPENING SENTENCE

Psalm 96:9

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

THE PRECES

William Smith (1603-1645)

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.
The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated.

PSALM 145: 1-8

Confitebor tibi

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures 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.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Bert Landman (b. 1958)

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

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Bert Landman

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

William Smith

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

The people kneel or remain standing.

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,
 on 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 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 *“Amen” is sung by the Choir.**Of the day*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The people are seated.

A GREETING

The Reverend Susan Pinkerton, *Rector*

ANTHEM

The Lord is my Shepherd *from* Requiem

John Rutter (b. 1945)
Words: Psalm 23

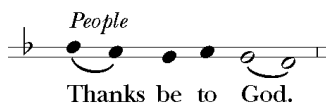
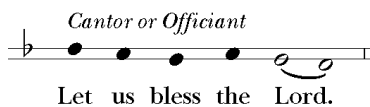
The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul, and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me:
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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:

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*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.*

ParticipantsThe Reverend Susan Pinkerton, *Officiant*P. Thomas Oberholtzer, *Cantor*John Nowacki, *Crucifer and Layreader***Trinity Church Choir and The Choir School of Hartford**Jack Merrill, *Organist and Choirmaster*Scott Lamlein, *Organist*Nancy Skeelee, *Flute***The Choir School of Hartford**

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Garvey Udokwu

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Erica Dollhopf

Allison Merrill

Kate Smith

Pekah Wallace

Alto

Patricia Bunker

Anne Green

Jane Harris

Linda MacGougan

Alyssa Venora

Kathie Wilson

Tenor

Jonah Garcia

Michael Patterson

Bass

Peter Green

Fred Margeson

P. Thomas Oberhotzer

Casey Rousseau

Join us and note change of date!

Choral Music for the Soul: Rutter and Fauré - Sunday, March 11, 4:00 p.m.

The combined Youth and Adult Choirs of St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Paul's-on-the-green, Norwalk sing John Rutter's new work, *Visions*, and Gabriel Fauré's sublime *Requiem* with organ and chamber orchestra.



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