



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

CHORAL EVENSONG

January 29, 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*

We welcome the choir of
Center Church – The First Church of Christ in Hartford
William Ness, Organist and Choirmaster

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 Poco lento - Poco allegro from Vesper Voluntaries, Op. 14 Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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

OPENING SENTENCE

Amos 5:8

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name.

THE PRECES

Richard Sheppard (b. 1949)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall show 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.
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated.

PSALM 15

Domine, quis habitabit? Anglican chant by John Goss (1800-1880)

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle,
 or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?
 Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life
 and doeth the thing which is right
 and speaketh the truth from his heart.
 He that hath used no deceit in his tongue,
 nor done evil to his neighbour
 and hath not slandered his neighbour.
 He that sitteth not by himself,
 but is lowly in his own eyes
 and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.
 He that sweareth unto his neighbour and disappointeth him not,
 though it were his own hindrance.
 He that hath not given his money upon usury,
 nor taken reward against the innocent.
 Whoso doeth these things shall never fail.

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

Micah 6: 1-8

Hear what the Lord says:
 Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
 and let the hills hear your voice.
 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,
 and you enduring foundations of the earth;
 for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
 and he will contend with Israel.
 "O my people, what have I done to you?
 In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”
“With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

MAGNIFICAT

Michael McCabe (b. 1941)
Michelle Fiertek, *soprano*

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 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

NUNC DIMITTIS

Michael McCabe

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 Sheppard

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,
 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 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 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 Susan Pinkerton, *Rector*

ANTHEM

Blessed are the pure of heart Johannes Herbst (1735-1812)
German text from Matthew 5:8, adapted Karl Kroeger (b. 1932)

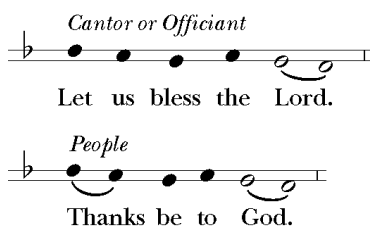
Blessed are the pure of heart, blest are the pure of heart;
They are blessed whose hearts are pure for they shall see God.
And here with Jesus Christ the son, the church's most beloved one,
In love and honor dwelling.

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 477

All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGELBERG

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Paeon

Michael McCabe

*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 Susan Pinkerton, *Celebrant*
Fredrick Goff, *Cantor*
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

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