



St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

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Second Sunday in Lent

CHORAL EVENSONG

February 25, 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.

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

Apparition de l'église éternelle

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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

INTROIT

Seek him that made the Pleiades

Alan Lewis, 2011

Words: Amos 5:8

Seek him who made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the surface of the earth: The Lord is his name. Seek him.

The people stand.

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

Plainsong

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.
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated.

PSALM 22: 22-30

Deus, Deus meus

Plainchant

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; *
 stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
 all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither does he hide his face from them; *
 but when they cry to him he hears them.
 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
 I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 "May your heart live for ever!"
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
 and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
 he rules over the nations.
 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
 the saving deeds that he has done.

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

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

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 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Dorian Service

Thomas Tallis

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

Plainsong

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

The people kneel or remain standing.

Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Choir Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Cantor Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 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*

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

When rooks fly homeward

Arthur Baynon (1889-1954)

Words: Joseph Campbell (1879-1944)

When rooks fly homeward
And shadows fall,
When roses fold
On the hay-yard wall,
When blind moths flutter
By door and tree,
Then comes the quiet
Of Christ to me.

When stars look out
On the Children's Path,
And grey mists gather
On carn and rath,
When night is one
With the brooding sea,
Then comes the quiet
Of Christ to me.

The people stand and say together:

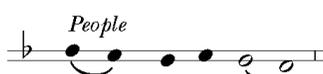
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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

Cantor or Officiant

 Let us bless the Lord.

People

 Thanks be to God.

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 455

O Love of God, how strong and true

DUNEDIN

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon
des Heures de la cathédral de Soissons

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

*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, *Officiant*
Paul Shaker, *Crucifer and Layreader*
Ray Giolitto, *Assisting Organist*

Soprano

Julia Foust
Elizabeth Proteau

Alto

Michael Doran
Mary Beth Lamlein

Tenor

Scott Lamlein
Michael Mei

Bass

John Church
John Nowacki

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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