

St. John's Episcopal Church

A place to discover connections with God and one another

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

CHORAL EVENSONG

September 23, 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.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Rhapsody, Op. 17, No. 1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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

INTROIT

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Peter Niedmann, 1996

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

The people stand.

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

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

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 1

Anglican Chant by Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
 and they meditate on his law day and night.
 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
 bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
 everything they do shall prosper.
 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
 nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
 but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT IN D

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

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN D

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

Philip Radcliffe

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Walter McKenney, *Deacon*

ANTHEM

Only for these I pray

Peter Niedmann, 1996
Words: Charlotte Perkins Gilman

Only for these I pray, pray with assurance strong.
 Light to discover the way, power to follow it long.
 Let me have light to see, light to be sure and know,
 When the road is clear to me willingly I go.

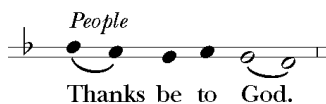
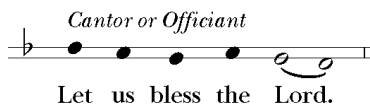
Let me have power to do, power of the brain and nerve,
 Though the task is heavy and new willingly I will serve.
 My prayers are lesser than three, nothing I pray but two;
 Let me have light to see, let me have power to do.

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 42

Now the day is over

MERRIAL

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

*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 Walter McKenney, *Officiant*
Paul Shaker, *Crucifer and Layreader*
Britt Emerick, *Cantor*
Scott Lamlein, *Choirmaster*
Jackson Merrill, *Organist*

St. John's Youth and Adult Choirs**Youth Choristers**

Britt Emerick, *Head Chorister*; Emma Evica, *Prefect*
Sahara Barrow, Naomi Cipriano, Dorian Ciscel, Elsa Ciscel,
Dana Crocker, Gianna Duberek, Frances Eikel, Cate Emerick,
Lilah Lorenzo, Livvy Lorenzo, Olivia Tummescheit, Philip Tummescheit

Soprano

Claudia Ayer, Helen Douglas, Nancy Hemstreet Eaton, Danielle Foint,
Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Jackie McCauley, Barbara Roos, Cait Semanie

Alto

Emily Bigger, Mariana Evica, Frisha Hugessen, Ann Hutchinson, Betty Knorr,
Mary Beth Lamlein, Erica Maas, Janet Poisson, Evelyn Reidenbaugh, Nancy Skeelee

Tenor

Ted Babbitt, Lynn Brooks, Stephan Christiansen, Francis Lamlein,
Michael Mei, Odanice Olibrice, Hal Rives, Paul Smith

Bass

Richard Barstow, John Church, Martin Dodd, Mark Field, John Nowacki



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