



St. John's Episcopal Church

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Last Sunday after Epiphany

CHORAL EVENSONG

February 23, 2020

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.

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

Solemn Melody

Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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 Ayleward (1626-1669)

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 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

Chant by Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946)

Why are the nations in tumult,
 and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?
 The kings of the earth rise up,
 and the rulers take counsel together,
 against the Lord and against his anointed:
 'Let us break their bonds asunder
 and cast away their cords from us.'
 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn;
 the Lord shall have them in derision.
 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath
 and terrify them in his fury:
 'Yet have I set my king
 upon my holy hill of Zion.'
 I will proclaim 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 break them with a rod of iron
 and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'
 Now therefore be wise, O kings;
 be prudent, you judges of the earth.
 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet,
 lest he be angry and you perish from the way,
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
 Happy are all they
 who take refuge in him.

The people stand.

Glory 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Thomas Tallis (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

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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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

Richard Ayleward

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, 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 Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

The people are seated.

A GREETING

The Reverend Margie Baker, *Curate*

ANTHEM

Abendlied

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Text: from Luke 24:29

Blieb' bei uns, denn es will Abend warden;
 Und der Tag hat sich geneiget, sich geneiget,
 O bleib' bei uns, denn es will Abend earden.

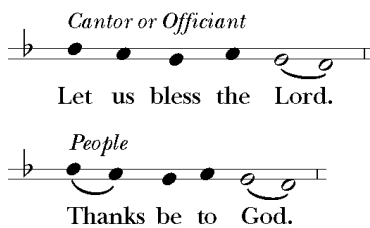
*Bide with us, for evening shadows darken,
 And the day will soon be over, soon be over,
 O bide with us, for evening shadows darken.
 Tr. John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Longpont

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*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 Margie Baker, *Officiant*
John Nowacki, *Crucifer and Layreader*
Sarah Kaufold, *Choirmaster*
Scott Lamlein, *Organist*

Voices of Concinnity

Erin Bartram
Samuel Beckwith
Liz Bologna
Kara Hart
Christopher Hartel
Sarah Kaufold
Brian Jones
Erica Maas
Alex O'Neil
Daniel Pavone
Alex Walker
Jermaine Woodard, Jr.

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