



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

CHORAL EVENSONG

September 26, 2021

5:00 p.m.

WELCOME

We are grateful that you have 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.

We are delighted to welcome worshippers back into the church. To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines, which apply to all regardless of vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times.** We have disposable masks should you need one.
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.** Greet one another from a distance with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.
- **You may leave your donation in the wooden offering box.** We can also receive donations through the mail or online via our web site (<https://www.reddoormusic.org/donate/>). Thank you!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please turn off your portable devices upon arrival, and observe silence.

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OPENING VOLUNTARY

Andante Sostenuto from Symphonie Gothique Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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

INTROIT

Crossing the bar (1997)

Rani Arbo, arranged Peter Amidon
Words: Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

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

Plainsong

<i>Cantor</i>	O Lord, open thou our lips.
<i>Choir</i>	And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
<i>Cantor</i>	O God, make speed to save us.
<i>Choir</i>	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.

<i>Cantor</i>	Praise ye the Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	The Lord's name be praised.

The people are seated until the Apostles' Creed.

PSALM 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant*

Plainsong, tone VIII.1

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

FIRST LESSON

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Olivia Sparkhall (composed 2021)
after Amy Beach

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.

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.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Amy Beach (1867-1944)

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.

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 stand and 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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

The people are seated.

A GREETING

The Reverend Margie Baker

ANTHEM

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

Words from the Maundy Thursday liturgy

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

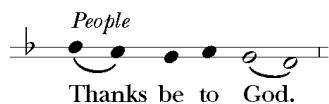
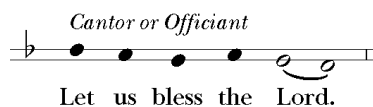
Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

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.**

HYMN 24

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

ST. CLEMENT

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Prelude & Fugue in G Major, BWV 541

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.*

Participants

The Reverend Margie Baker, *Officiant & Cantor*
 Paul Shaker, *Crucifer & Layreader*
 Scott Lamlein, *Choirmaster*
 Ted Babbitt, *Organist*

St. John's Schola

Kara Hart, Anne Harney - *soprano*
 Catherine Barr, Abby White - *alto*
 Michael Mei, Odanice Olibrice - *tenor*
 Richard Barstow, John Nowacki - *bass*



Even song Select Sundays at 5 p.m.
 rest reflect worship

September 26 St. John's Schola	February 27 Alchemy
October 24 St. John's Adult Choir	March 27 St. John's Youth Choir and Guests
January 23 The Anglican Singers	April 24 St. John's Schola

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