



St. John's Episcopal Church

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The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

CHORAL EVENSONG

October 24, 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.

Your donations make these services and events possible. Thank you for your generosity.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

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.

OPENING SENTENCE

Psalm 74:15,16

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

THE PRECES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

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 until the Apostles' Creed.

PSALM 126 *In convertendo*

Edward Rimbault (1816-1876)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
 The LORD has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
 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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

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.

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 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaheus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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.

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

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.
 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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 Todd FitzGerald

ANTHEM

Come, renew us

Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Words by David Adam

Come, Lord, come to us. Enter our darkness with your light,
Fill our emptiness with your presence,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
In our sadness come as joy, in our troubles, come as peace,
In our fearfulness, come as hope, in our darkness, come as light,
In our frailty, come as strength, in our loneliness, come as love,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

The people stand and say together:

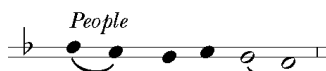
THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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



Let us bless the Lord.



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.**

HYMN 35

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation

MIGHTY SAVIOR

CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Allegro vivace from Sonata I, Op. 56

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 Todd FitzGerald, *Officiant*
Madeline Green, *Cantor*
Paul Shaker, *Crucifer & Layreader*
Scott Lamlein, *Choirmaster*
Christopher Houlihan, *Organist*

St. John's Adult Choir

Soprano: Helen Douglas, Nancy Eaton, Emma Evica, Danielle Foint, Madeline Green,
Anne Harney, Kara Hart, Caitlyn Semanie, Tema Silk
Alto: Catherine Barr, Betty Knorr, Mary Beth Lamlein,
Nancy Skeelee, Jacqueline Smith, Abby White
Tenor: Ted Babbitt, Lynn Brooks, Milo Evica, Michael Mei,
Odanice Olibrice, Ram Tysoe, Michael Wells
Bass: Richard Barstow, Martin Dodd, John Nowacki, Francis Lamlein,
Caleb Peck, Paul Smith

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