



# St. John's Episcopal Church

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*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

CHORAL EVENSONG

January 22, 2023

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.

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.

## 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

Allegro con brio from Sonata No. 4

Felix Mendelssohn (1808-1847)

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

### INTROIT

O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum laudes precesque sumere,  
qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis,  
nos membra confer effici tui beati corporis.

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive, suppliant praise and prayer,  
thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

*The people stand.*

OPENING SENTENCE

Philippians 1:2

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PRECES

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

*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 27:1, 5-13 *Dominus illuminatio*

C.J. Whittington

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
 whom then shall I fear? \*  
 the Lord is the strength of my life;  
 of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord;  
 one thing I seek; \*  
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord \*  
 and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
 he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
 and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
 above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
 with sounds of great gladness; \*  
 I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; \*  
 have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
 Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,\*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever,\*  
world without end. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:1-4

**T**here will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness-  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MAGNIFICAT IN G

Herbert Sumsion

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

Matthew 4:12-23

**W**hen Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
 on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
 the people who sat in darkness  
 have seen a great light,  
 and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
 light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS IN G

Herbert Sumsion

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

Herbert Sumsion

*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*

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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**

Lord, I call upon Thee

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

Lord, I call upon Thee, haste Thee unto me: and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee.  
Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense: and the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
Mine enemies live and are mighty: and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.  
They also that reward evil for good are against me: because I follow the thing that is good.  
Forsake me not, O Lord my God: be not Thou far from me.  
Hast Thee to help me and consider my voice when I cry unto Thee.  
Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense: and the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.  
I will lay down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

*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.**

### HYMN 663

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

REPTON

### CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern  
*How lovely shines the morning star*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*The people may be seated once the procession has exited the Nave.  
Please remain quiet during the Voluntary, which is the final part of our worship.*

### Participants

The Reverend Margie Baker, *Officiant*  
John Ong, *Cantor*  
John Nowacki, *Crucifer & Layreader*  
Simon Holt, *Choirmaster*  
William D. Cooper, *Organist*

## The Anglican Singers

### Soprano

Anne Carr Bingham, Katherine Brighty, Kathleen C. Cooper, Lisa Feltes,  
Anita Louise Schell, Wendy Schnur, Carla Stebbins, Manon Zumbaum

### Alto

Susan Anderson, Deborah Downes, Susan Babbitt Hall, Mary Harris,  
Katy King, Meredith Miller, Alden Rockwell Murphy, Tina West

### Tenor

Robert Kim Bingham, Timothy Breitenstein, Randy Russ

### Bass

James Conover, Henry Robert D'Amelia, John Ong, Sean McCarty



Jazz at the Red Door: **Nat Reeves and Friends**

**Friday, February 10, 2023, 7:30pm**

**Choral Music for the Soul: Fauré's Requiem**

**Sunday, March 5, 2023, 3pm**

St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir with the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra

Spring Chamber Music: **Catalyst String Quartet**

**Friday, April 21, 2023, 7:30pm**

### **Pipes Alive!**

Half-hour organ recitals

**First Sundays at 12:30pm**

**February 5 – Noah Klein**

**April 2 - Scott Lamlein**

**May 7 - Alexander Straus-Fausto**

**June 4 - Christa Rakich**

### **Choral Evensong**

Fourth Sunday of selected months at 5:00pm

**February 26 - St. Patrick & St. Anthony Gallery Choir**

**March 26 - St. John's Choir School and Guests**

*March 26 Evensong is at Trinity College Chapel*

**April 23 - St. John's Schola**