Choral Evensong in this cathedral is a tiny fragment of something else: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world.

When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and which will continue long after your death. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

—adapted from the Evensong bulletin of Saint Paul’s Cathedral, London.
Welcome to this celebration of Choral Evensong. Please be aware that incense will be used. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy. A basket is available to make a goodwill offering as you leave; your generosity helps support the ministry of this Cathedral.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Officiant

**Prelude**

*Herzliebster Jesu, Op. 122, No. 2*

Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

[tune of Hymn #158: “Ah, holy Jesus”]

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

**Entrance**

Organ Improvisation

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**The Invitatory & Psalter**

**Preces**

_sung by the Officiant and Choir_

_Officiant_ O Lord, open thou our lips.

_Choir_ And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

_Officiant_ 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.

Praise ye the Lord.

**Phos Hilaron**

*O gladsome light • sung by all, standing*

WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3rd century

paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)

TUNE: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

All are invited to sing this hymn in a round, high voices starting, low voices following one measure later

1. O gra-cious Light, Lord Je-sus Christ, in you the Fa-ther’s glo-ry shone.
2. Now sun-set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor-thy are you of end-less praise, O Son of God, Life-giv-ing Lord;

Im-mor-tal, ho-ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho-ly Son.
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Spi-rit: God who dwells in the e-ter-nal light, where-fore you are through all the earth and in the high-est heav’n a-dored.

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Exaltabo te, Deus

I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.

4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, *
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him *
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him *
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him *
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
THE LESSONS

Please remain seated.

READING  Jeremiah 23:16–32

Thus says the LORD of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who
prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds,
not from the mouth of the LORD. They keep saying to those who despise the word
of the LORD, “It shall be well with you”; and to all who stubbornly follow their own
stubborn hearts, they say, “No calamity shall come upon you.”

For who has stood in the council of the LORD
so as to see and to hear his word?
Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it?
Look, the storm of the LORD!
Wrath has gone forth,
a whirling tempest;
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he has executed and accomplished
the intents of his mind.
In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
I did not send the prophets,
yet they ran;
I did not speak to them,
yet they prophesied.
But if they had stood in my council,
then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,
and they would have turned them from their evil way,
and from the evil of their doings.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret
places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says
the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets
ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own
heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell
one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has
a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.
What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says
the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? See, therefore, I am against
the prophets, says the LORD, who steal my words from one another. See, I am against
the prophets, says the LORD, who use their own tongues and say, “Says the LORD.” See,
I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the LORD, and who tell them,
and who lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not
send them or appoint them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the LORD.
Please stand as you are able.

**CANTICLE**  
*Luke 1:46–55 [The Song of Mary] • sung by the Choir*  
*Magnificat*

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.

Please be seated.

**READING**  
*John 12:24–32*

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering,  
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and  
after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside  
and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter  
and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things  
but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my  
followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those  
who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and  
for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole  
world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those  
who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of  
them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father  
with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing  
here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with  
power.” ♦
Please stand as you are able.

**CANTICLE**  
Luke 2:29–32 [The Song of Simeon]  
◆ sung by the Choir

_Nunc dimittis_

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 APOSTLES’ CREED**  
_chanted by all, standing_

_Officiant_  
I believe in God,  
_all_ the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE PRAYERS**

**SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY**  
_sung by the Officiant and Choir_

_Officiant_ The Lord be with you.  
_Choir_ And with thy spirit.
_Officiant_ Let us pray.  
_Choir_ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
_chanted by all on a monotone, standing or kneeling_

_Officiant_ Our Father,  
_all_ who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Officiant  O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
           Choir  And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant  O Lord, save the state.
           Choir  And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant  Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
           Choir  And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant  O Lord, save thy people.
           Choir  And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant  Give peace in our time, O Lord.
           Choir  Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant  O God, make clean our hearts within us.
           Choir  And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Officiant  Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of
           sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what
           you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may
           surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
           who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
           Choir  Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant  Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just
           works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so
           that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered
           from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of
           Christ Jesus our Savior.
           Choir  Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant  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.
           Choir  Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.
A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Presider Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

sung by all, standing

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DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

Please remain standing as you are able for the procession.

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