



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019

4:30 PM

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.



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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 Reverend Canon Nancy Ross, Canon for Cathedral Relations, *Officiant*

PRELUDE I. *Allegro* and II. *Adagio* from *Concerto in A Minor*, BWV 593 J.S. Bach (1685–1750)
arranged from a concerto for two violins by Antonio Vivaldi

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

ENTRANCE Organ Improvisation

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir* setting by Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

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.
The Lord's Name be praised.

PHOS HILARON *O gladsome light ♦ sung by all, standing*

WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3rd century
paraphrase by Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)
TUNE: *Le Cantique de Siméon*, Loÿs Bourgeois (c. 1510–1559)

1. O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the e - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing;
2. Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light, our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing;
3. To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs, O Son of God, Life - giv - er;

ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest, our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.
Fa - ther of might un - known, thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

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Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 150 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by C. Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

Laudate Dominum

HALLELUJAH!

Praise God in his holy temple; *
praise him in the firmament of his power.

- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; *
praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise him with lyre and harp.
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; *
praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; *
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath *
praise the LORD.
Hallelujah!

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 *Daniel 4:1–18*

KING Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages that live throughout the earth: May you have abundant prosperity! The signs and wonders that the Most High God has worked for me I am pleased to recount.

How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and his sovereignty is from generation to generation.

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living at ease in my home and prospering in my palace. I saw a dream that frightened me; my fantasies in bed and the visions of my head terrified me. So I made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before me, in order that they might tell me the interpretation of the dream. Then the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I told them the dream, but they could not tell me its interpretation. At last Daniel came in before me—he who was named Belteshazzar after the name of my god, and who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods—and I told him the dream: “O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods and that no mystery is too difficult for you. Hear the dream that I saw; tell me its interpretation.

Upon my bed this is what I saw;
there was a tree at the center of the earth,
and its height was great.
The tree grew great and strong,
its top reached to heaven,
and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.
Its foliage was beautiful,
its fruit abundant,
and it provided food for all.
The animals of the field found shade under it,
the birds of the air nested in its branches,
and from it all living beings were fed.

“I continued looking, in the visions of my head as I lay in bed, and there was a holy watcher, coming down from heaven. He cried aloud and said:

‘Cut down the tree and chop off its branches,
strip off its foliage and scatter its fruit.
Let the animals flee from beneath it
and the birds from its branches.
But leave its stump and roots in the ground,
with a band of iron and bronze,
in the tender grass of the field.
Let him be bathed with the dew of heaven,

and let his lot be with the animals of the field
in the grass of the earth.
Let his mind be changed from that of a human,
and let the mind of an animal be given to him.
And let seven times pass over him.
The sentence is rendered by decree of the watchers,
the decision is given by order of the holy ones,
in order that all who live may know
that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdom of mortals;
he gives it to whom he will
and sets over it the lowliest of human beings.’

“This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. Now you, Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are unable to tell me the interpretation. You are able, however, for you are endowed with a spirit of the holy gods.” ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

setting by C. Villiers Stanford
Service in C

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 21:15–25*

WHEN they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.” Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?” When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Stanford in C

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*

setting by Richard Ayleward

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

Ayleward

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

O GOD, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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

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.

ANTHEM *Abendlied* [Evening Song]

WORDS: Luke 24:29

MUSIC: Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

*Bleib bei uns,
denn es will Abend werden,
und der Tag hat sich geneiget.*

Stay with us,
because it is almost evening
and the day is now nearly over.

—words of Jesus' followers who encounter him, risen, on the road to Emmaus

Please stand as you are able.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

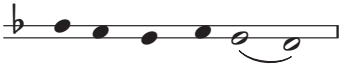
Presider **A**LMIGHTY GOD, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions 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

HYMN 192 *This joyful Eastertide* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #192*

TUNE: *Vruechten*

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.

VOLUNTARY III. *Allegro* from *Concerto in A Minor*, BWV 593

J.S. Bach
after Vivaldi

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