



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE

February 2, 2020

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.

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 supports the mission and ministries of this Cathedral. You may also make a donation using the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right).



At this service, the choir and assembly are seated in a configuration reminiscent of the chancel of a medieval English cathedral, with the two halves of the choir facing each other across the center aisle. The Evensong Choir of Saint Mark's sat in this arrangement for all the evensong services during their residencies at Ely and Saint Paul's, London, in the summer of 2018. This arrangement of the worship space is possible by the many donors whose generous gifts have underwritten the cathedral chairs in the nave.

The settings of the Magnificat and Nunc dimmitis for this liturgy are from The Emerald City Service, written in 2018 by Evensong Choir member Tyler Morse. The canticles were written in celebration of the life of Tyler's father-in-law, The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Gilmore, and a recording of them was played at his funeral. The Magnificat received its live premiere at the 2019 Saint Mark's Pageant of the Nativity. The Nunc dimmitis is presented live for the first time at this liturgy.

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 & Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Officiant*

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE *My soul doth magnify the Lord*, Op. 18, No. 10

Marcel Dupré (1886–1971)

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

INTROIT *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.

Please remaining standing for the procession of choir and ministers.

AT THE PROCESSION *Organ Improvisation*

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by William Smith (1603–1645)

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 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 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 Spi - rit 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 48 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by Edwin George Monk (1819–1900)

Magnus Dominus

GREAT is the LORD, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world and the city of the great King.
- 3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.
- 5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.
- 6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea when the east wind shatters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.
- 9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.
- 11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

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 *Haggai 2:1–9*

IN THE second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

setting by Tyler Morse (b. 1990)
The Emerald City Service

MY SOUL proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for 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 for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING *1 John 3:1-8*

SEE what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. Everyone who commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Morse, The Emerald City Service

Nunc dimmitis

LORD, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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 William Smith

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 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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

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.

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ANTHEM *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace*

WORDS: from Holy Scripture
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on Thee. —*Isaiah 26:3*
The darkness is no darkness with Thee,
But the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. —*Psalms 139:12*
God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. —*1 John 1:5*
O let my soul live, and it shall praise Thee. —*Psalms 119:175*
For Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, for evermore. —*Matthew 6:13*
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on Thee.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant offers prayers for the Church and the world.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
All we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

sung by all, standing

THE OFFICE HYMN *O Zion, open wide thy gates*

WORDS: Jean-Baptiste de Santeul (1630–1697)

trans. Edward Caswall (1814–1878)

TUNE: *Edmonton*, attr. William Weale, (c. 1690–1727)

1. O Zi - on, o - pen wide thy gates, let sym - bols dis - ap - pear;
2. A - ware of hid - den de - i - ty, the low - ly Vir - gin brings
3. The a - gèd Si - meon sees at last his Lord, so long de - sired,
4. But si - lent knelt the mo - ther blest of the yet si - lent Word,
5. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all glo - ry to the Son,

a priest and vic - tim, both in one, the Truth him - self, is here.
her new - born babe, with two young doves, her hum - ble of - fer - ings.
and An - na wel - comes Is - rael's hope, with ho - ly rap - ture fired.
and pon - dering all things in her heart, with speech - less praise a - dored.
all glo - ry, Ho - ly Ghost, to thee, while end - less a - ges run.

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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,
and 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.

AT THE PROCESSION *Ave Maria*

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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