



SAINT MARK'S

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# EVENSONG

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020

4:30 PM

**C**HORAL 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 experience 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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*In conformity with the latest directives of the Governor of Washington, singing is restricted to vocal soloists in the space. Some parts of the Evensong liturgy which are usually sung or chanted will be spoken in this service. All who are participating from home via livestream are encouraged to sing the hymns heartily!*

**PRELUDE**

*Conditor alme siderum*

Rebecca Groom Te Velde (b. 1956)

[tune of Hymn #60, "Creator of the stars of night"]

# THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

*A bell bids all to rise as able.*

**PRECES**

*Deus, in adiutorium*

Psalm 70:1; *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 117

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Assembly* O Lord, make haste to help us.

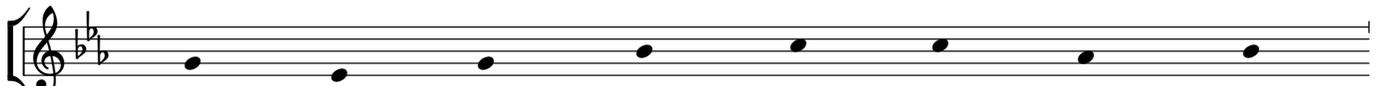
**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
**Alleluia.**

**HYMN**

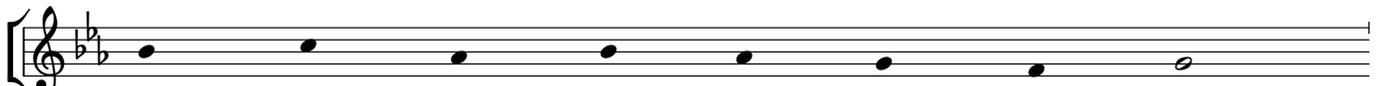
*Creator of the stars of night* ♦ *Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.*

WORDS: Latin, 9<sup>th</sup> century, trans. *The Hymnal* 1982

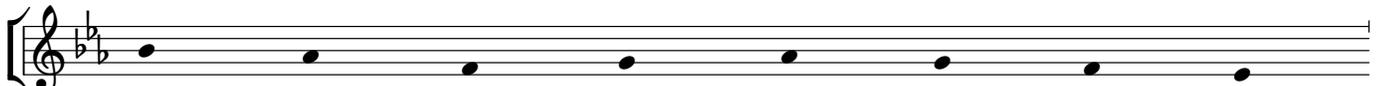
TUNE: *Conditor alme siderum*, Plainsong Mode 4



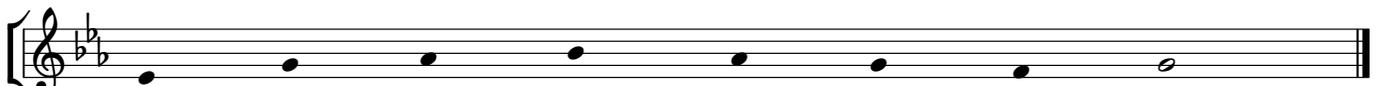
1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,  
2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse  
3. When this old world drew on toward night,  
4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now  
5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,  
6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1. your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,  
2. should doom to death a u - ni - verse,  
3. you came; but not in splen - dor bright,  
4. all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
5. re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;  
6. and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1. O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
2. you came, O Sa - vior, to set free  
3. not as a mon - arch, but the child  
4. all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
5. de - fend us while we dwell be - low,  
6. praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



1. We pray you hear us when we call  
2. your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty  
3. of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.  
4. like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.  
5. from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
6. from ago to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*Please be seated.*

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 148 (Coverdale translation)*

Anglican Chant by Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)

*The psalmody is sung by the Saint Mark's Evensong Choir, recorded at the Evensong service of November 3, 2019*

*Laudate Dominum*

**O**PRAISE the LORD of heaven:  
praise him in the height.

2 Praise him, all ye angels of his:  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all ye stars and light.

4 Praise him, all ye heavens,  
and ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD:  
for he spake the word, and they were made;  
he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever:  
he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.

7 Praise the LORD upon earth,  
ye dragons and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours,  
wind and storm, fulfilling his word;

9 Mountains and all hills;  
fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle;  
worms and feathered fowls;

11 Kings of the earth, and all people;  
princes, and all judges of the earth;

12 Young men and maidens,  
old men and children,  
praise the Name of the LORD:  
for his Name only is excellent,  
and his praise above heaven and earth.

13 He shall exalt the horn of his people:  
all his saints shall praise him;  
even the children of Israel, even the  
people that serveth him.

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 LESSONS

*Please remain seated.*

**READING**

*Wisdom 5:1-5, 14-16*

**L**ET me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry! ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CANTICLE**    *Luke 1:46–55* ♦ *The Song of Mary*

setting by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)  
*Evening Service in G*

*The Magnificat is sung by the Saint Mark's Evensong Choir, recorded at the Evensong service of February 3, 2019.  
The soloist is Rebekah Gilmore.*

*Magnificat*

**M**Y 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**    *Luke 7:28–35*

**J**ESUS spoke to the crowds concerning John: “I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John’s baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves.)

“To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not weep.’

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children." ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CANTICLE**    *Luke 2:29–32 ♦ The Song of Simeon*

Stanford in G

*The Nunc dimmitis is sung by the Saint Mark's Evensong Choir, recorded at the Evensong service of February 3, 2019.  
The soloist is James Wilcox.*

*Nunc dimmitis*

**L**ORD, 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**    *spoken by all, standing as able*

*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 & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you  
*Assembly* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray  
*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.**

## SUFFRAGES

*The Book of Common Prayer, p. 122*

*Officiant* That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* That there may be peace to your Church, and to the whole world,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,  
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

*Officiant* That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of  
Mary, Mark, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,  
*Assembly* **We entreat you, O Lord.**

**THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*BCP*, p. 211

**M**ERCIFUL God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All Amen.*

**A COLLECT FOR PEACE**

*BCP*, p. 123

**M**OST 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.

*All Amen.*

**A COLLECT FOR MISSION**

*BCP*, p. 124

**K**EEP 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.

*All Amen.*

*Please be seated for the anthem.*

**ANTHEM**

*Hail, gladdening Light!*

WORDS: John Keble (1792–1866)  
paraphrase of Φῶς Ἰλαρόν [*Phos hilaron*], 3<sup>rd</sup> century  
MUSIC: Charles Wood (1866–1926)

*The anthem is sung by the Saint Mark's Evensong Choir, recorded at the service of Lessons & Carols for Epiphany, on January 5, 2020.*

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured,  
Who is the Immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of Holies—Jesu Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
The lights of evening round us shine,  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefilèd tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life alone;  
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

Please stand as you are able.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant offers prayers for the Church and the world.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 125

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.

**THE OFFICE HYMN** *The great forerunner of the morn* ♦ *Those at home are encouraged to join in singing this hymn.*

WORDS: *Præcursor altus luminis*, The Venerable Bede (673–735),  
translated by J.M. Neale (1818–1866)

TUNE: *The Truth from Above*, English folk melody,  
adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)



1. The great fore-run - ner of the morn, the her - ald of the Word, is born;
2. With heaven-ly mes - sage Ga-briel came, that John should be that her-ald's name,
3. John, still un-born, yet gave a - right his wit - ness to the com - ing light;
4. His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to great - er than a pro-phet's name;
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1. and faith - ful hearts shall nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2. and with pro - phe - tic ut-terance told his ac - tions great and ma - ni - fold.
3. and Christ, the Sun of all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
4. of wo - man born shall nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
5. praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

**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.**

**VOLUNTARY** *Veni, Veni Emmanuel*  
[Tune of Hymn #56, "O come, O come, Emmanuel"]

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

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