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EVENSONG

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 3, 2021

4:30 PM

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—adapted from the Evensong bulletin of Saint Paul's Cathedral, London.

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PRELUDE Variations on *In dulci jubilo*
[tune of Hymn #107, "Good Christian friends, rejoice!"]

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)


Please stand as you are able.

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

Those at home are encouraged to join the soloist in singing the responses.


PRECES *Deus, in adjutorium*


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


Officiant O God, make speed to save us.


Soloist O Lord, make haste to help us.


Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit


as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.


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Those at home are encouraged to join the soloist in singing this hymn.

PHOS HILARON *O gracious light ♦ sung by all at home, standing*

WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3rd century
paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)
TUNE: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4


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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Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 145 ♦ chanted by the soloists*
Exaltabo te, Deus

Plainsong, Tone VIII.2

- 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 *Wisdom 7:3-14*

WHEN I was born, I began to breathe the common air,
and fell upon the kindred earth;
my first sound was a cry, as is true of all.
I was nursed with care in swaddling cloths.
For no king has had a different beginning of existence;
there is for all one entrance into life, and one way out.

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepters and thrones,
and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.
Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,
because all gold is but a little sand in her sight,
and silver will be accounted as clay before her.
I loved her more than health and beauty,
and I chose to have her rather than light,
because her radiance never ceases.

All good things came to me along with her,
and in her hands uncounted wealth.
I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them;
but I did not know that she was their mother.
I learned without guile and I impart without grudging;
I do not hide her wealth,
for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals;
those who get it obtain friendship with God,
commended for the gifts that come from instruction. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

This Magnificat, sung by the Saint Mark's Evensong Choir, was recorded at the Evensong service for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, February 2, 2020. It was composed by choir member Tyler Morse in 2018, in celebration of the life of Tyler's father-in-law, The Rev. Dr. Charles E. Gilmore.

Magnificat

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 *John 6:41–47*

THE Jews began to complain about Jesus because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Plainsong Tone IV.4

Nunc dimittis

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 *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.

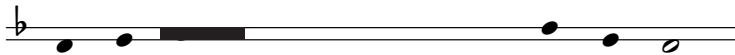
THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER *Spoken together*

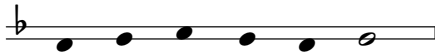
Officiant The Lord be with you
Assembly **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray
Officiant Our Father
All **who art in heaven**
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those 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. Amen.

SUFFRAGES *Those at home are encouraged to join the soloist in singing the responses.*

BCP, p. 122



Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful



Soloist **We entreat you, O Lord.** *(This response is sung after each petition.)*

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill,

Soloist **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and offenses,

Soloist **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That there may be peace to your Church, and to the whole world,

Soloist **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,

Soloist **We entreat you, O Lord.**

Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of
Mary, Mark, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Soloist **We entreat you, O Lord.**

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THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

BCP, p. 211

O GOD, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

BCP, p. 123

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.

Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, p. 124

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.

Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM *Benedicamus Domino*

WORDS: 15th-century English manuscript
MUSIC: Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

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

Procedenti puero
Eya! Nobis annus est.

For the coming of this child,
Hurrah! The season is upon us.

Virginis ex utero
Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

From the womb of a virgin.
Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and is immortal.

Sine viri semine (*Eya!...*)
Natus est de virgine

Without the seed of a man (*Hurrah!...*)
He is born of a virgin.

Gloria! Laudes! ...

Glory! Praise! ...

Sine viri copia (*Eya!...*)
Natus est ex Maria

Without the means of a man, (*Hurrah!...*)
He is born of Mary

Gloria! Laudes!...

Glory! Praise! ...

In hoc festo determino (*Eya!...*)
Benedicamus Domino!

On this appointed feast, (*Hurrah!...*)
Let us bless the Lord!

Gloria! Laudes!
Deus homo factus est
et immortalis.

Glory! Praise!
God is made man
and is immortal.

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.



Those at home are encouraged to join the soloist in singing this hymn.

THE OFFICE HYMN *In the bleak midwinter* ♦ sung by all at home

WORDS: Christina Rossetti (1830–1894),
TUNE: Cranham, Gustav Holst (1874–1934)



1. ♪ In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
2. Our God, heav'n can - not hold him, nor earth sus - tain;
3. ♪ An - gels and arch - an - gels may have ga - thered there,
4. ♪ What can I give him, poor as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign:
che - ru - bim and ser - a - phim thronged the air;
If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;



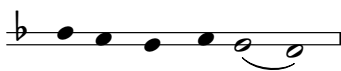
snow had fal - len, snow on snow, ♪ snow on snow, ♪
in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the
but his mo - ther on - ly, ♪ in her maid - en bliss, ♪
if I were a wise man, ♪ I would do my part; yet



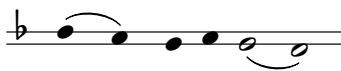
in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.
wor - shiped the be - lov - èd with a kiss.
what I can I give him: give my heart.

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DISMISSAL



Officiant Let us bless the Lord.



Soloist 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 *Postlude sur un Noël*
[tune of *Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella!*—a traditional French carol]

Bédard

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