



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

4:30 PM

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

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At the sound of a bell, all rise as able.

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.

Please be seated as the Choir chants the Psalm.

PSALMODY *Psalm 8 [The St. Helena Psalter]*

Plainsong, Tone V.2
with verses in fauxbourdon by Gerre Hancock (1932–2012)

Domine Dominus noster

O GOD, our Governor,
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children,
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
 - 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
 - 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
 - 5 What are we that you should be mindful of us, *
mere mortals that you should seek us out?
 - 6 You have made us but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn us with glory and honor;
 - 7 You give us mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under our feet:
 - 8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,
 - 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
 - 10 O God, our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. ♦

THE LESSONS

Please remain seated.

READING *Wisdom 7:22–8:1*

WISDOM, the fashioner of all things, taught me.

There is in her a spirit that is intelligent, holy,
unique, manifold, subtle,
mobile, clear, unpolluted,
distinct, invulnerable, loving the good, keen,
irresistible, beneficent, humane,
steadfast, sure, free from anxiety,
all-powerful, overseeing all,
and penetrating through all spirits
that are intelligent, pure, and altogether subtle.

For wisdom is more mobile than any motion;
because of her pureness she pervades and penetrates all things.
For she is a breath of the power of God,
and a pure emanation of the glory of the Almighty;
therefore nothing defiled gains entrance into her.
For she is a reflection of eternal light,
a spotless mirror of the working of God,
and an image of his goodness.

Although she is but one, she can do all things,
and while remaining in herself, she renews all things;
in every generation she passes into holy souls
and makes them friends of God, and prophets;
for God loves nothing so much as the person who lives with wisdom.
She is more beautiful than the sun,
and excels every constellation of the stars.
Compared with the light she is found to be superior,
for it is succeeded by the night,
but against wisdom evil does not prevail.

She reaches mightily from one end of the earth to the other,
and she orders all things well. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

setting by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
for King's College Cambridge (*Collegium Regale*)

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 *Matthew 7:7–14*

JESUS taught his disciples, saying, “Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Howells, *Collegium Regale*

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 on a monotone, remaining 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 & 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Officiant **A**LMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant **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.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant **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.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM

This Little Light O' Mine

African-American Spiritual (before 1925)
arranged by John W. Work III (1901–1967)

This little light o' mine,
I'm going to let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm going to let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
All through the night,
I'm going to let it shine...
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Please stand or kneel 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.

THE OFFICE HYMN *The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*

WORDS: John Ellerton (1826–1939)

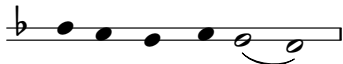
TUNE: *St. Clement*, Clement C. Scholefield (1839–1904)

1. The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end-ed, the dark - ness falls at thy be - hest;
2. We thank thee that thy church un-sleep-ing while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
3. As o'er each con - ti - nent and is-land the dawn leads on an - o - ther day,
4. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev-er, like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way:

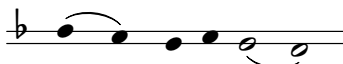
to thee our morn - ing hymns a-scend-ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
through all the world her watch is keep-ing, and rests not now by day or night.
the voice of prayer is nev - er si-lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
thy king - dom stands, and grows for - ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

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Officiant Let us bless the Lord.



All 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 Improvisation on *Seek ye first*
[Hymn #711]

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