



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

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 experience Evensong, 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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Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all Coast Salish tribes.

To those present in the cathedral nave, and to those joining from near and far via livestream, welcome to this service 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.

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PRELUDE *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please stand as you are able for the procession of choir and other ministers.

AT THE PROCESSION Organ improvisation

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by Gerre Hancock (1934–2012)

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.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

HYMN

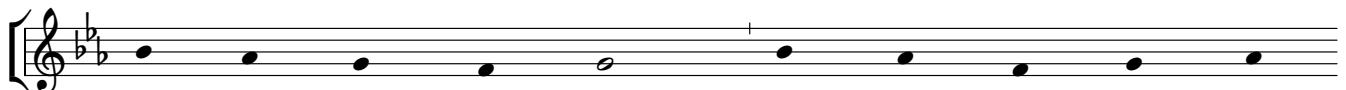
Creator of the stars of night ♦ *sung by all, as indicated, standing as able*
sts. 2 & 4: *high voices (soprano/alto)*
sts. 3 & 5: *low voices (tenor/bass)*

WORDS: Latin, 9th century
trans. J.M. Neale (1818–1866), alt.

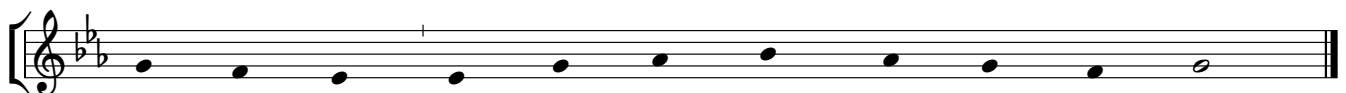
TUNE: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4



All 1. Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's
High voices 2. In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to
Low voices 3. When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but
High voices 4. At your great Name, O Je - sus, now all knees must
Low voices 5. Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us
All 6. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er
death a u - ni - verse, you came, O Sa - vior,
not in splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch,
— bend, all hearts must bow: all things on earth with
for e - ter - nal day; de - fend us while we
Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and



of us all, We pray you hear us when we call
to set free your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty
— but the child of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
one ac - cord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
dwell be - low, from all as - saults of our dread foe.
glo - ry be from ago to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 115 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by Gerald Hocken Knight (1908–1979)

Non nobis, Domine

NOT to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, *
“Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, *
both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD's, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore. 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

READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

LET 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] ♦ sung by the Choir*

setting by Herbert Sumsion (1899–1995)
Evening Service in G for Full Choir

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 *Luke 7:28–35*

JESUS 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] ♦ sung by the Choir*
Nunc dimittis

Sunsion in G

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 Gerre Hancock

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

Hancock

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.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MERCIFUL 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.

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 *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. —*Psalm 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. —*Psalm 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 or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant offers prayers for the Church and the world.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,

All 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.

THE OFFICE HYMN *Savior of the nations, come!* ♦ sung by all, standing as able

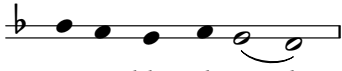
WORDS: Martin Luther (1483–1546), after Ambrose of Milan (340–397)
trans. William M. Reynolds (1812–1876) & J.W. McCrady (b. 1938)

TUNE: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, 16th-century German chorale tune,
based on the 4th-century Latin hymn, *Veni redemptor gentium*
harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560–1616), alt.

1. Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's Son, make here your home.
2. Won - drous birth! O won - drous child of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!
3. Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres;
4. Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won.

Mar - vel now, both heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Might - y God and Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hence to death and hell de - scends, then the heav'n - ly throne a - scends.
Bound - less shall your king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

DISMISSAL



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.

*Please remain standing, as able, for the procession of ministers, then be seated for the rest of the Organ Voluntary.
At its conclusion, in keeping with the prayerfulness of this evening's liturgy, please express your appreciation with a silent
'Amen' rather than applause.*

VOLUNTARY *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661
[tune of Hymn #54, "Savior of the nations, come!"]

J.S. Bach



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