



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

OBSERVING THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL
AND ALL ANGELS

October 1, 2023

4:30 PM

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When you experience Evensong, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and humankind 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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PRELUDE Chorale-Prelude on *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*
[tune of Hymn #310, "O saving Victim"]

Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

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 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 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

PHOS HILARON *O gladsome light ♦ sung by all, standing as able*

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.

PSALMODY *Psalm 104 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chants by Edward C. Bairstow (1874–1946)

Confitemini Domino

BLESS the LORD, O my soul; *
BO LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 10 You send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.
- 11 All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 12 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.
- 13 You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.
- 14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;
- 15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.
- 17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
- 19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

- 20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
- 21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
- 22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.
- 23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work *
and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 36 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth, *
and the wicked be no more.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
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

2 Kings 6:8–17

ONCE when the king of Aram was at war with Israel, he took counsel with his officers. He said, “At such and such a place shall be my camp.” But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, “Take care not to pass this place, because the Arameans are going down there.” The king of Israel sent word to the place of which the man of God spoke. More than once or twice he warned such a place so that it was on the alert.

The mind of the king of Aram was greatly perturbed because of this; he called his officers and said to them, “Now tell me who among us sides with the king of Israel?” Then one of his officers said, “No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.” He said, “Go and find where he is; I will send and seize him.” He was told, “He is in Dothan.” So he sent horses and chariots there and a great army; they came by night, and surrounded the city.

When an attendant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. His servant said, “Alas, master! What shall we do?” He replied, “Do not be afraid, for there are more with us than there are with them.” Then Elisha prayed: “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” So the LORD opened the eyes of the servant, and he saw; the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

CANTICLE

Luke 1:46–55 [The Song of Mary] ♦ sung by the Choir setting by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Service in C, Op. 115

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 *Revelation 5:1–14*

THEN I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Stanford in C

Nunc dimittis

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 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 SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

EVERLASTING God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

ANTHEM *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

WORDS: *Σιγησάτω πᾶσα σὰρξ*, the “Cherubic Hymn”
from the Liturgy of Saint James (Greek, c. 5th century)
paraphrase by Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)
TUNE: *Picardy* (17th-century French carol)
arr. Gustav Holst (1874–1934)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluya! Alleluya!
Alleluya, Lord most high!

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.**

THE OFFICE HYMN *Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels* ♦ sung by all, as indicated, standing as able

WORDS: *Christe, sanctorum decus angelorum*, attr. Hrabanus Maurus (c. 776–856)

translation after J. Athelstan Riley (1858–1945) & Percy Dearmer (1867–1936)

TUNE: *Cælites plaudant*, from the Rouen Antiphoner (1728), harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)



All 1. Christ, the fair glo - ry of the ho - ly an - gels, mak - er of
 All 2. Send thine arch - an - gel Mi - chael to our suc - cor; peace - mak - er
 High voices only 3. Send thine arch - an - gel Ga - bri - el, the might - y; he - rald of
 Low voices only 4. Send from the hea - vens Ra - phael thine arch - an - gel, health - bring - er
 Choir alone 5. May the blest mo - ther of our God and Sa - vior, may the ce -
 All 6. Fa - ther Al - might - y, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, God ev - er



all— things, rul - er of all na - tions, grant of thy mer - cy
 bless - èd, may he ban - ish from_ us striv - ing and ha - tred,
 hea - ven, may he, from us mor - tals, drive ev - ery e - vil,
 bless - èd, aid - ing ev - ery suf - ferer, that, in thy ser - vice,
 les - tial com - pa - ny of an - gels, may the as - sem - bly
 bless - èd, hear our thank - ful prais - es; thine is the glo - ry



un - to us thy ser - vants steps___ up to hea - ven.
 so that for the peace - ful all___ things may pros - per.
 watch - ing o'er the tem - ples where___ thou art wor - shiped.
 he may wise - ly guide_ us, heal - ing and bless - ing.
 of the saints in hea - ven help___ us to praise___ thee.
 which from all cre - a - tion ev - er a - scen - deth.

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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.

VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Minor*, BWV 537b

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

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.

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