



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

OBSERVING THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
AND COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

November 5, 2023

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 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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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

I. Allegro assai from *Concerto in G*, BWV 592

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

arranged from a lost violin concerto by Prince Johann Ernst of Saxe-Weimar (1696–1715)

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 148 (Coverdale translation)*

Anglican Chant by Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015)

Laudate Dominum

OPRAISE 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*

THE righteous will stand with great confidence
in the presence of those who have oppressed them
and those who make light of their labors.

When the unrighteous see them, they will be shaken with dreadful fear,
and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation of the righteous.

They will speak to one another in repentance,
and in anguish of spirit they will groan, and say,

“These are persons whom we once held in derision
and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were!

We thought that their lives were madness
and that their end was without honor.

Why have they been numbered among the children of God?
And why is their lot among the saints?”

Because the hope of the ungodly is like thistledown carried by the wind,
and like a light frost driven away by a storm;

it is dispersed like smoke before the wind,
and it passes like the remembrance of a guest who stays but a day.

But the righteous live forever,
and their reward is with the Lord;
the Most High takes care of them.

Therefore they will receive a glorious crown
and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord,

because with his right hand he will cover them,
and with his arm he will shield them. ♦

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 *Revelation 21:1–4, 22–27; 22:1–5*

THEN I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and

there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

THEN the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Howells, Collegium Regale

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, 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

Smith

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 FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Officiant **A**Lmighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR THE DEPARTED

Officiant **E**Ternal Lord God, you hold all souls in life: Give to your whole Church in Paradise and on earth your light and your peace; and grant that we, following the good examples of those who have served you here and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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*Blessed City, heavenly Salem*WORDS: *Urbs beata Jerusalem, dicta pacis visio*(Latin office hymn, c. 7th century)

trans. John Mason Neale (1818–1866), alt.

MUSIC: Edward C. Bairstow (1874–1946)

based on the *Urbs beata* Sarum plainchant melody

Blessed City, heavenly Salem,
 vision dear of peace and love,
 who of living stones art builded
 in the height of heaven above,
 and by angel hands appareled,
 as a bride doth earthward move.

Out of heaven from God descending,
 new and ready to be wed
 to thy Lord, whose love espoused thee,
 fair adorned shalt thou be led;
 all thy gates and all thy bulwarks
 of pure gold are fashioned.

Bright thy gates of pearl are shining,
 they are open ever more;
 and, their well-earned rest attaining,
 thither faithful souls do soar.
 Who for Christ's dear name in this world
 pain and tribulation bore.

Many a blow and biting sculpture
 polished well those stones elect,
 in their places now compacted
 by the heavenly Architect,
 nevermore to leave the Temple
 which with them the Lord hath decked.

To this temple, where we call thee,
 come, O Lord of hosts, today;
 with thy wonted loving kindness
 hear thy servants as they pray;
 and thy fullest benediction
 shed within its walls away.

*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, standing as able.

THE OFFICE HYMN *Ye holy angels bright*

WORDS: Richard Baxter (1615–1691), and others

TUNE: *Darwall's 148th*, John Darwall (1731–1789)

DESCANT: Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875–1947)

4. My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove:

1. Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
2. Ye bless - èd souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race,
3. Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heav'n - ly King,
4. My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove:

and with a well - - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!

or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand,
and now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - viour's face,
and on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing;
and with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!

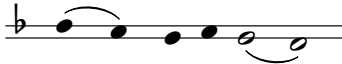
Let all thy days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

as - sist our song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
God's prais - es sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
take what he gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
Let all thy days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

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 *III. Presto from Concerto in G, BWV 592*

Ernst, arr. J.S. Bach

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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