

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 3, 2024 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



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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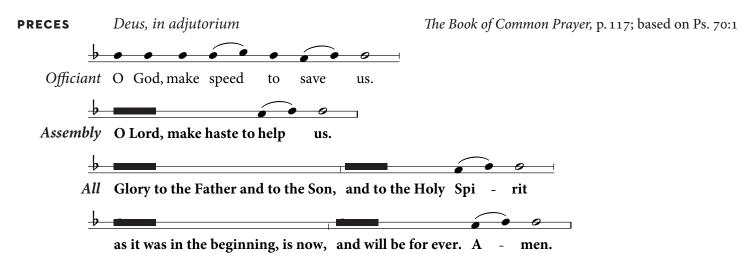
You may also mail a gift to the cathedral: 1245 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

AT THE PROCESSION Organ improvisation

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER



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PHOS HILARON O gracious light

WORDS: Φῶς Τλαρόν, Greek, $3^{\rm rd}$ century paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984) TUNE: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (c. 1505–1585)

A Cantor will start the hymn; all join in unison at the words, "in you the Father's glory shone." All sing stanzas 2 and 3 in a four-part round, ad libitum, ending each stanza before starting the next.



- 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 and blest are you, his he, ho - ly Fa - ther, Spi - rit: dwells in the ter - nal light. Son, and God who e where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

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PSALMODY

Psalm 34 ◆ *chanted by the Choir*

Benedicam Dominum

Iwill bless the Lord at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

- 2 I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.
- The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- Come, children, and listen to me; *

 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life * and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking * and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; * seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Plainsong Tone V.1

- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
 but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

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

Genesis 44:1-17

JOSEPH commanded the steward of his house, "Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain." And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, "Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, 'Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this."

When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. They said to him, "Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found at the top of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; why then would we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover the rest of us will become my lord's slaves." He said, "Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be: he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free." Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father." •

Please stand as you are able.

MAGNIFICAT Luke 1:46-55 ◆ chanted by the Choir

Plainsong, Mode 8 (Solemn Tone)

The Song of Mary

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 John 5:25-29

Jesus said to the Jews, "Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." •

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS Luke 2:29–32 ◆ chanted by the Choir

Plainsong, Mode 7

The Song of Simeon

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,

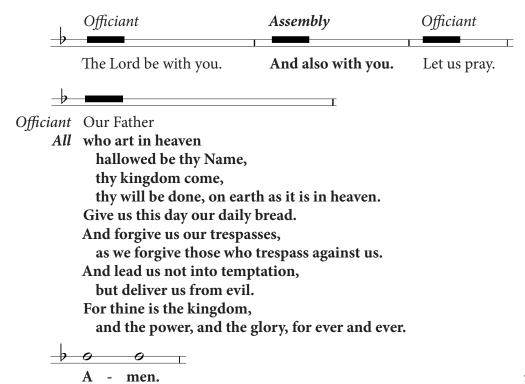
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

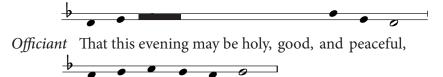
SALUTATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER



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SUFFRAGES chanted by the Officiant and Assembly

Form B; BCP, p. 122



Assembly 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,

Assembly We entreat you, O Lord.

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

Assembly We entreat you, O Lord.

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

Assembly 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,

Assembly We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That we may be bound together by the Holy Spirit in the communion of

Mary, Mark, and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

Assembly We entreat you, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

▲ LMIGHTY God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: **A** Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant 1

¶ost holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just **V** 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.

All Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM

Like as the hart

WORDS: Psalm 42:1-3 MUSIC: Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God: when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they daily say unto me: Where is now thy God?

Like as the hart...

Please stand or kneel 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.

THE OFFICE HYMN Our God, to whom we turn

WORDS: , Edward Grubb (1854–1939) TUNE: *O Gott, du frommer Gott*, German chorale, *c.* 1646 harm. J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Sung by all, in four-part harmony as able. The Choir alone will sing verse 3.





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BCP, p. 126





Officiant Let us bless the Lord.



All Thanks be to God.

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THE GRACE

BCP, p. 127; based on 2 Cor. 13:13

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 you are able for the procession.

VOLUNTARY Paean

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

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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