



# CHORAL EVENSONG

**C**HORAL 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.

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*RSCM AMERICA is the branch of the Royal School of Church Music in the United States. Our goal is to uplift the spiritual life of our communities through high quality choral music. We provide musical education to singers through a structured choral music program and summer music courses. We provide support to music directors through an organizational forum which facilitates the exchange of knowledge and ideas. Through our efforts to raise the quality of choral music performance, we have touched the lives of multitudes of singers and listeners.*

*RSCM West is a week-long choral course, housed at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, and affiliated with The Royal School of Church Music in America. RSCM is dedicated to promoting church music for people of all ages at the highest possible level. RSCM West is for children and adult participants who come together for a week to learn from an expert clinician, to worship together, and to celebrate our shared passion for music in the context of worship. To learn more about RSCM West please visit [RSCMwest.org](http://RSCMwest.org). Your financial support of this non-profit enterprise is most welcome. Making a donation is easy: Go to [RSCMwest.org](http://RSCMwest.org) and click on 'Give' at the top of the screen.*

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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 of the Coast Salish tribes.*

**PRELUDE** Chorale-prelude on *Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott* Ethyl Smyth (1858–1944)

**INTROIT** *The Chorister's Prayer* Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants  
who minister in thy temple:  
Grant that what we sing with our lips  
we may believe in our hearts,  
and what we believe in our hearts  
we may show forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*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 Maxine Thévenot

*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.

*Please be seated the the psalmody.*

*Confitemini Domino*

**G**IVE thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
  
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.
  
- 10 Some sat in darkness and deep gloom, \*  
bound fast in misery and iron;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God \*  
and despised the counsel of the Most High.
- 12 So he humbled their spirits with hard labor; \*  
they stumbled, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 14 He led them out of darkness and deep gloom \*  
and broke their bonds asunder.
- 15 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 16 For he shatters the doors of bronze \*  
and breaks in two the iron bars.

- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.
- 23 Some went down to the sea in ships \*  
and plied their trade in deep waters;
- 24 They beheld the works of the LORD \*  
and his wonders in the deep.
- 25 Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose, \*  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.
- 26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; \*  
their hearts melted because of their peril.
- 27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards \*  
and were at their wits' end.
- 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 29 He stilled the storm to a whisper \*  
and quieted the waves of the sea.
- 30 Then were they glad because of the calm, \*  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.
- 31 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people \*  
and praise him in the council of the elders.
- 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** *Numbers 20:1–13*

**T**HE Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there.

Now there was no water for the congregation, so they gathered together against Moses and against Aaron. The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Would that we had died when our kindred died before the LORD! Why have you brought the assembly of the LORD into this wilderness for us and our livestock to die here? Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to bring us to this wretched place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.” Then Moses and Aaron went away from the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting; they fell on their faces, and the glory of the LORD appeared to them. The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aaron, and command the rock before their eyes to yield its water. Thus you shall bring water out of the rock for them; thus you shall provide drink for the congregation and their livestock.”

So Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he had commanded him. Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, “Listen, you rebels; shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their livestock drank. But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not trust in me, to show my holiness before the eyes of the Israelites, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.” These are the waters of Meribah, where the Israelites quarreled with the LORD and through which he showed himself to be holy. ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

setting by Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)  
*The St. Alban's Service (2016)*

*Magnificat*

**M**Y 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 20:29–34*

**A**S JESUS and the disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!” The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet, but they shouted even more loudly, “Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!” Jesus stood still and called them, saying, “What do you want me to do for you?” They said to him, “Lord, let our eyes be opened.” Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him. ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*McDowall, St. Alban's Service*

*Nunc dimittis*

**L**ORD, 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, standing*

*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 Maxine Thévenot

*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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 7)**

*Officiant* **O**LORD, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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**

*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 anthems.*

## ANTHEM

*A Song of Wisdom*

WORDS: Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 24:1–7, 12–14, 16, 19, 29–31

MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
 and covered the earth as a mist;  
 I dwelt in high places,  
 and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud.  
 Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven,  
 and walked in the depth of the abyss  
 In the waves of the sea and in all the earth  
 and in every people and nation,  
 I got a possession; with all these I sought rest:  
 And I took root in a people that was glorified,  
 In the portion of the Lord's own inheritance.  
 I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus,  
 And as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon:  
 I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore,  
 And as a fair olive tree in the plain.  
 And my branches are branches of glory and grace,  
 And my flowers are the fruit of glory and riches.  
 Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me  
 and be ye filled with my fruits.  
 And I came out as a stream from a river,  
 I said, "I will water my garden,  
 And will water abundantly my garden bed,"  
 And lo, my stream became a river  
 and my river became the sea,  
 For my thoughts are filled from the sea  
 and my counsels from the great deep.

## ANTHEM

*Jesu, dulcis memoria*

WORDS: attr. St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153)

MUSIC: J.S. Bakken (b. 1981)

*Jesu dulcis memoria  
 dans vera cordis gaudia:  
 sed super mel et omnia  
 ejus dulcis praesentia.*

*Nil canitur suavius,  
 nil auditur jucundius  
 nil cogitatur dulcius  
 quam Jesus Dei filius.*

*Jesu spes paenitentibus,  
 Quam pius es petentibus!  
 Quam bonus te quaerentibus!  
 Sed quid invenientibus?*

*Nec lingua valet dicere,  
 nec littera exprimere:  
 expertus potest credere,  
 quid sit Jesum diligere.*

*Sis, Jesu, nostrum gaudium  
 qui es futurus praemium  
 sit nostra in te gloria  
 per cuncta semper saecula.  
 Amen.*

Jesus, so sweet in memory;  
 hearts covered with joy's canopy;  
 yet greater than all pleasant things  
 is the sweetness his presence brings.

Nothing is sung with such allure,  
 nothing is heard so right and pure,  
 nothing in thought is found so sweet,  
 than God's Son, Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Jesus, hope of all contrite hearts,  
 to those who seek, you faithful are!  
 To those you look, you good will be!  
 For those who find, what more receive?

The tongue has not the power to say,  
 nor words endowment to convey;  
 only those who have known your grace,  
 Jesus hold in most valued place.

Jesus always our joy will be,  
 our reward for eternity.  
 Through you may we our glory find,  
 now and through all the rest of time.  
 Amen.

*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** *O God of gentle strength* ♦ *sung by all, standing as able* WORDS: Patricia B. Clark (1938–2009)  
TUNE: *Shoshana*, Jane Manton Marshall (1924–2019)



1. O God of gen-tle strength, your love em-brac-es me. With-in the  
2. Your wa-ters of re-birth have claimed us as your own. As mem-bers  
3. And when life's chal-len-ges ec-lipse our minds with doubt, let ho-ly  
4. Where will the jour-ney lead? The path may be ob-scure. But pro-mised



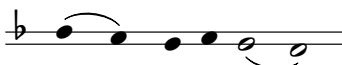
sure-ness of your care my heart rests will-ing-ly.  
of one bo-dy, we shall nev-er be a-lone.  
wis-dom spark a flame to drive the dark-ness out.  
hope of things un-seen will keep our foot-ing sure.

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## DISMISSAL



*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.



*Assembly* 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** *Passacaglia in D minor*, BuxWV 161

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637–1707)

*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.*

# MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

## **OFFICIANT**

The Reverend Josh Hosler,  
*Rector of The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Federal Way*

## **THURIFER**

Marc Aubertin

## **CRUCIFER**

Ray Miller

## **LECTORS**

RSCM West participants

## **USHER**

Jen van Wesep

## **MUSICIANS**

The Choir of the 2024 RSCM West Choir Training Course,  
Dr. Maxine Thévenot, *Director*

Melanie Malinka & Mia Hall-Miller, *House Masters*

Edmund Connolly, *Organist*

Jon Bolena, *Organ Scholar*

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