



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2025

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
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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.

Everyone participating in Saint Mark's Cathedral's worship at this time in any way is invited to make an offering as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. Together, our gifts make possible this community of welcome, reconciliation and service.

Donate online at saintmarks.org/give, or use the Venmo mobile app (@SaintMarksCathedralSeattle, or scan the code at right).

If Venmo asks you for a four-digit code, enter 2076.



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

PRELUDE Meditation on *Wie schön leuchtet*
[tune of Hymn #497, "How bright appears the Morning Star"]

David Bednall (b.1979)

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.

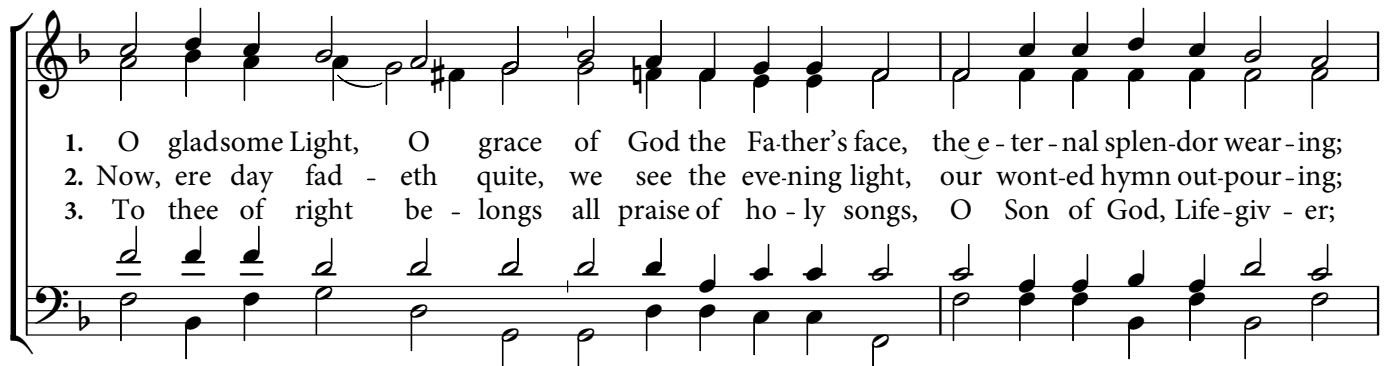
Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

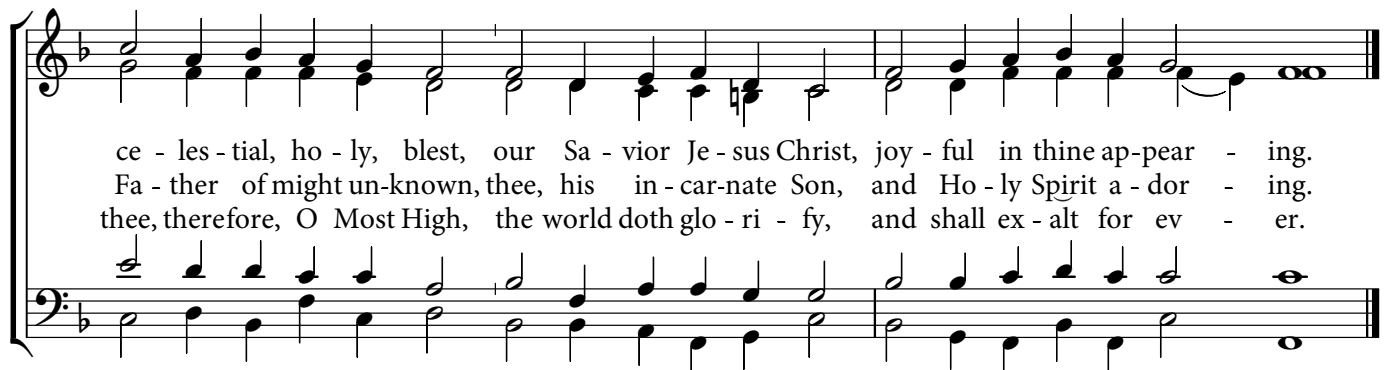
Praise ye the Lord.

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 Canticum de Siméon*, Loÿs Bourgeois (c. 1510–1559)



1. O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther'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 98*

Anglican Chant by Edwin George Monk (1819–1900)

Cantate Domino

SING to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

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 *Isaiah 66:18–23*

THUS says the LORD:

I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. From them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Put, and Lud—which draw the bow—to Tubal, and Javan, to the coastlands far away that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. They shall bring all your kindred from all the nations as an offering to the

LORD, on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring a grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And I will also take some of them as priests and as Levites, says the LORD.

For as the new heavens and the new earth,
which I will make,
shall remain before me, says the LORD,
so shall your descendants and your name remain.

From new moon to new moon
and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
all flesh shall come to worship before me,
says the LORD. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

CANTICLE *Luke 1:46–55 [The Song of Mary] ♦ sung by the Choir* setting by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)
Magnificat *King's College Service*

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 *Matthew 12:14–21*

THE Pharisees went out and conspired against Jesus, how to destroy him.

When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“Here is my servant, whom I have chosen,
my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased.
I will put my Spirit upon him,
and he will proclaim justice to the gentiles.
He will not wrangle or cry aloud,
nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.
He will not break a bruised reed
or quench a smoldering wick
until he brings justice to victory.
And in his name the gentiles will hope.” ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Forbes L'Estrange, King's College Service

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 THE EPIPHANY

Officiant **O** GOD, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 *Light Everlasting*

WORDS: Rev. John T. Troutbeck (1832–1899), alt.
MUSIC: Olaf C. Christiansen (1901–1984)

O Light everlasting! O Love never failing!
illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee;

May we from thy spirit receive inspiration,
that children together thy wisdom may see.

Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation,
and help us O Father, thy temple to be.

O Light everlasting! O Love never failing!
illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee.

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 *We three king of Orient are*

WORDS & TUNE: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891)



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense owns a De - i - ty night;
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice;



1. field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2. King for ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
3. prayer and prais - ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.
4. sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. heaven sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain

O ——— star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty

bright; west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Interlude

The Hymnal 1982 #128, public domain

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 *Declamation on "Dix"*
[Tune of Hymn #119, "As with gladness men of old"]

Craig Phillips (b.1971)

All are heartily invited to follow the procession of ministers out the main cathedral doors to the Twelfth Night bonfire in the lower parking lot. Spent greenery from Christmas will be burned in the fire, marking this evening's transition from the twelve days of Christmas to The Epiphany (January 6.)

A chili supper in Bloedel Hall follows the bonfire. All are welcome.



MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

OFFICIANT

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

THURIFER

Russ Campbell

VERGER

Kate Halamay

ACOLYTE

Krista Olson

LECTORS

Elizabeth Antley

Kristen Austin

MUSICIANS

The Evensong Choir

Canon Michael Kleinschmidt

☪ Rebekah Gilmore, *conducting*

John Stuntebeck, *organist*

USHERS

Chris van Wesep

Jen van Wesep

Kari Nasby

SOUND

Micah Hayes

VIDEOGRAPHY

David Wild

Music and texts under copyright are reprinted by permission under OneLicense.net #A-706820