



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# CHORAL EVENSONG

## ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025

4:30 PM

**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 his people 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 the Coast Salish tribes.*

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*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** *Recitative and Rhapsody*

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b. 1956)

Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word."

**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 Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

*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, and is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

**PHOS HILARON** *O gracious light ♦ sung by all at home, standing*

WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> century  
paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)

TUNE: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4



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

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*Please be seated.*

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 115 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by Gerald Hocken Knight (1908–1979)

*Non nobis, Domine*

**N**OT to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your Name give glory; \*  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, \*  
“Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; \*  
whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, \*  
the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; \*  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; \*  
noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; \*  
they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, \*  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; \*  
he is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; \*  
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, \*  
both small and great together.

14 May the LORD increase you more and more, \*  
you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD's, \*  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the LORD, \*  
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the LORD, \*  
from this time forth for evermore. 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

*Please remain seated.*

**READING**     *Amos 6:1-14*

**W**OE to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,  
the notables of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

Cross over to Calneh and see;  
from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?  
Or is your territory greater than their territory,  
you who put far away the evil day  
and bring near a reign of violence?

Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Lord GOD has sworn by himself  
(says the LORD, the God of hosts):  
I abhor the pride of Jacob  
and hate his strongholds,  
and I will deliver up the city and all that is in it.

If ten people remain in one house, they shall die. And if a relative, one who burns it, takes up the body to bring it out of the house and says to someone in the innermost parts of the house, "Is anyone else with you?" the answer will come, "No." Then the relative shall say, "Hush! We must not mention the name of the LORD."

For the LORD commands,  
and he will shatter the great house to bits  
and the little house to pieces.

Do horses run on rocky crags?  
Does one plow the sea with oxen?  
But you have turned justice into poison  
and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,  
you who rejoice in Lo-debar,  
who say, "Have we not by our own strength  
taken Karnaim for ourselves?"

Indeed, I am raising up against you a nation,  
O house of Israel, says the LORD, the God of hosts,  
and they shall oppress you from Lebo-hamath  
to the Wadi Arabah. ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

setting by Harold Friedell (1905–1958)  
*Evening Service in F*

*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** *Luke 1:57-68*

**N**ow the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

Friedell in F

*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 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 Thomas Tomkins

*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**

Tomkins

*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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Officiant* **M**ERCIFUL God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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**     *How lovely are the messengers*

words: St. Paul (Romans 10:15, 18), quoting Isaiah 52:7 & Psalm 19:4;  
Music: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847), from his oratorio *St. Paul*, Op. 36

How lovely are the messengers  
that preach us the Gospel of peace!  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

*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 *Blessed be the God of Israel* ♦ sung by all, standing as able

WORDS: Luke 1:68–97 [*The Song of Zechariah*]  
metrical paraphrase by Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b.1944)  
TUNE: *The Third Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505–1585)

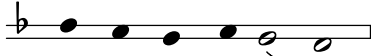
1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
2. With pro - mised mer - cy will God still the cov - en - ant re - call,  
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham from foes to save us all;  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

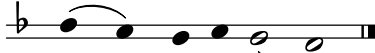
So have the\_ pro - phets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn\_ back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

## 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** *Marial Lullaby* from *Sonata No. 1 for Organ*, Op. 91

Rachel Laurin (1961–2023)

*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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