



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

# CHORAL EVENSONG

## OBSERVING THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

January 4, 2026

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 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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*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** Prelude on Salzburg  
(Tune of Hymn 135, "Songs of thankfulness and praise")

James Biery (b. 1956)

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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

**HYMN IN PROCESSION** *Brightest and best of the stars of the morning* WORDS: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.  
MUSIC: *Morning Star*, James Proctor Harding (1850-1911)

1. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and  
2. Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing, low lies his head with the  
3. Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion, o - dors of E - dom, and  
4. Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion, vain - ly with gifts would his  
5. Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing, dawn on our dark - ness, and

lend us thine aid; star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a -  
beasts of the stall; an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re -  
of - ferings di - vine, gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the  
fa - vor se - cure, rich - er by far is the heart's a - do -  
lend us thine aid; star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a -

dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
clin - ing, Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
o - cean, myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
ra - tion, dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
dorn - ing, guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

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# 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.

*Please be seated.*

**PSALMODY** *Psalm 72*

Anglican Chant by Frederick A. Gore Ouseley

*Deus, iudicium*

**G**IVE the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's son;

That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.

He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

His foes shall bow down before him, \*  
and his enemies lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.

All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Long may he live!  
and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; \*  
may prayer be made for him always,  
and may they bless him all the day long.

May there be abundance of grain on the earth,  
growing thick even on the hilltops; \*  
may its fruit flourish like Lebanon,  
and its grain like grass upon the earth.

May his Name remain for ever  
and be established as long as the sun endures; \*  
may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

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 60:1-9*

**A**RISE, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.

Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows? For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you. ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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

**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 2:1-12*

**I**N THE TIME of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road. ♦

*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 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, standing*

*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 THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST**

*Officiant* **L**ORD Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

*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**      *O Day full of grace*

WORDS: *Den signede Dag*, Danish folk hymn (c. 1450)  
adapt. N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783–1872), trans. Carl Døving (1867–1937)  
TUNE: Christoph Ernst Friedrich Weyse (1774–1842)  
arranged by F. Melius Christiansen (1871–1955)

O day full of grace which we behold  
now gently to view ascending,  
thou over the earth thy reign unfold,  
good cheer to all mortals lending,  
that children of light in every clime  
may prove that the night is ending.  
How blest was that gracious midnight hour,  
when God in our flesh was given!  
Then flushèd the dawn with light and power,  
that spread o'er the darkened heaven;  
then rose o'er the world that sun divine  
which gloom from our hearts hast driven.

Yea, were every tree endowed with speech,  
and every leaflet singing,  
they never with praise God's worth could reach,  
though earth with their praise be ringing.  
Who fully could praise the Light of Life,  
who light to our souls is bringing?  
With joy we depart for the promised land,  
and there we shall walk in endless light

*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 kings 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!



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**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** Epilogue on *Dix*  
(Tune of Hymn #119, "As with gladness men of old")

William H. Harris (1883-1973)

*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 a transition from the last days of Christmastide to The Epiphany (January 6.)*

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



## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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The Reverend Adam Conley

**LECTORS**

Canon Wendy Claire Barrie  
James Davidson

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The Evensong Choir  
Canon Michael Kleinschmidt  
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