



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

IN THE OCTAVE OF THE FEAST OF THE
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

February 4, 2018

4:30 PM

HOLY GOD,

who calls us beyond the limits of our poor understandings,
and holds wide heaven's door to receptive hearts,

take us in this holy place, we pray, by the grace of music,
into the wonder that silences all agitation,
into the praise that knits up all fear.

And lead us on by the way of music
to glimpse a oneness which cannot yet be fully seen,
and find a rest which cannot yet be fully known.

So shall we perceive that unity which foreshadows the end of all divisions
and that silence which heralds the beginning of all joys;

and know ourselves to be, at last,
your redeemed people;
graced and raised by song. Amen.



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Welcome to this celebration 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. A basket is available to make a goodwill offering as you leave; your generosity helps support the ministry of this Cathedral.

In this service of Evensong, the Choir will sing the Preces and Suffrages in dialogue with the Officiant on behalf of all worshippers. It is an ancient practice that is very much alive in the daily services of Choral Evensong offered in English Cathedrals. Saint Mark's Evensong Choir will be called upon to offer such settings of the prayers when singing Evensong as the resident choir for a week each at Ely Cathedral and Saint Paul's Cathedral, London, in July, 2018. The congregation is invited into this practice through prayerful, silent participation; and encouraged to sing heartily the hymns, and to chant the Creed and Lord's Prayer with the Choir.

The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason, Dean and Rector of Saint Mark's Cathedral, *Officiant*

PRELUDE Improvisation on Plainchant: *Lumen ad revelationem gentium*

“A light for revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel”

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

INTROIT *Light everlasting*

WORDS & 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 brethren together
thy wisdom may see.

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

ENTRANCE Improvisation on Hymn #33: *Christe Lux mundi*

“Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment,
stars in the heavens.”

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

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 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.

The Lord's name be praised.

HYMN 36 [PHOS HILARON] *O gladsome Light* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #36*

TUNE: *Le cantique de Siméon*

sung by all, standing

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 84* ♦ *chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by C. Hubert H. Parry (1848–1918)

Quam dilecta!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

*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 *Malachi 3:1–4*

SEE, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

MAGNIFICAT *Luke 1:46–55* ♦ *sung by the Choir*

The Song of Mary

setting by Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)
Evening Service for Truro Cathedral (2001)

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 *Luke 2:22–40*

WHEN the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29–32 ♦ sung by the Choir*

Jackson, Truro Service

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, 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 Richard Ayleward

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

Ayleward

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 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION

Officiant **A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by 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

Maria wallt zum Heiligtum

*Maria wallt zum Heiligtum
und bringt ihr Kindlein dar;
das schaut der greise Simeon,
wie ihm verheißen war.*

*Da nimmt er Jesum in den Arm
und singt im Geiste froh:*

*“Nun fahr’ ich hin mit Freud,
dich, Heiland, sah ich heut,
du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.”*

*Hilf nun, du liebster Jesu Christ,
dass wir zu jeder Frist
an dir wie auch der Simeon
all uns’re Freude han,
und kommt die Zeit, sanft schlafen ein
und also singen froh:*

*“Nun fahr’ ich hin mit Freud,
dich, Heiland, sah ich heut,
du Trost von Israel, das Licht der Welt.”*

WORDS & MUSIC: Johannes Eccard (1553–1611)

Mary came to the temple
to present her child;
the aged Simeon, as he was known,
beheld the child there.
He took Jesus in his arms,
and joyfully sang:

“Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen you, Saviour—
the comfort of Israel, the light of the world.”

Help us, dear Jesus Christ,
that we at all times
may find all our joy in you,
just as Simeon did,
and, when the time comes, may gently fall asleep,
and, like Simeon, may joyfully sing:

“Now I go forth with joy,
for today I have seen you, Saviour—
the comfort of Israel, the light of the world.”

Please stand as you are able.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Presider **A**LMIGHTY GOD, 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.**

HYMN 257 *O Zion, open wide thy gates* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #257*

TUNE: *Edmonton*

DISMISSAL



Officiant Let us bless the Lord.



People Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Improvisation on Hymn #496: *Wie schön leuchtet*

“How bright appears the Morning Star, with mercy beaming from afar”

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The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO

CHORAL EVENSONG, 2017–2018

FIRST SUNDAYS [except December, and on 2nd Sun. in April] . . . at Saint Mark’s Cathedral, 4:30 PM

SECOND SUNDAYS at Saint Stephen’s, 4805 NE 45th St., Seattle, 5:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAYS at Trinity Parish Church, 609 Eighth Ave., Seattle, 5:00 PM

FIFTH SUNDAYS [October & April] at Saint John’s, 105 State St., Kirkland, 5:00 PM

The prayer on the front cover is by Patrick Woodhouse, former Canon Precentor of Wells Cathedral, UK, from *With You is the Well of Life: Prayers from the Depth of the Heart* (Kevin Mayhew Publishers, 2005).