



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 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.

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 *The Glory of These Forty Days* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

INTROIT *Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* *attributed to Richard Farrant (1525–1580)*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

ENTRANCE Improvisation on plainchant: *Attende Domine, et miserere*
"Hear us, Lord, and show us your mercy"

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.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 34:1-14* ♦ *chanted by the Choir*
Benedicam Dominum

Anglican Chant by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

I WILL bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

*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 *Genesis 44:1–17*

THEN Joseph commanded the steward of his house, “Fill the men’s sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man’s money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.” And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, “Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, ‘Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.’”

When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. They said to him, “Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found at the top of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; why then would we steal silver or gold from your lord’s house? Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover the rest of us will become my lord’s slaves.” He said, “Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be: he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free.” Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest; and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

Judah and his brothers came to Joseph’s house while he was still there; and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, “What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?” And Judah said, “What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord’s slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found.” But he said, “Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave; but as for you, go up in peace to your father.” ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

The Song of Mary

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.

setting by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)
for King’s College Cambridge (*Collegium Regale*)

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 *John 5:25–29*

JESUS said, “Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.” ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Howells, *Collegium Regale*

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT***Officiant* **A**Lmighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 anthem.***ANTHEM***Agnus Dei* from *Missa Brevis* (2009)

Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace

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 662 *Abide with me* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #662*

TUNE: *Eventide*

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 #143: *The glory of these forty days*

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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

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