



SAINT MARK'S  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

# CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (tr.)

October 7, 2018

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 come to Evensong here, 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.*

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.

As part of our effort to serve those who cannot attend worship, this service will be livestreamed on the internet. We are grateful for your presence and participation in this community.

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

**PRELUDE** *Andantino amabile* from *Twelve Organ Trios*, Op. 189, No. 1 Josef Rheinberger (1839–1901)

*A bell bids all to stand as they are able.*

**ENTRANCE** Improvisation on *Cœlites plaudant*  
[tune of Hymn #282 “Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels”]

## THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

**PRECES** *sung by the Officiant and Choir* setting by William Smith (1603–1645)

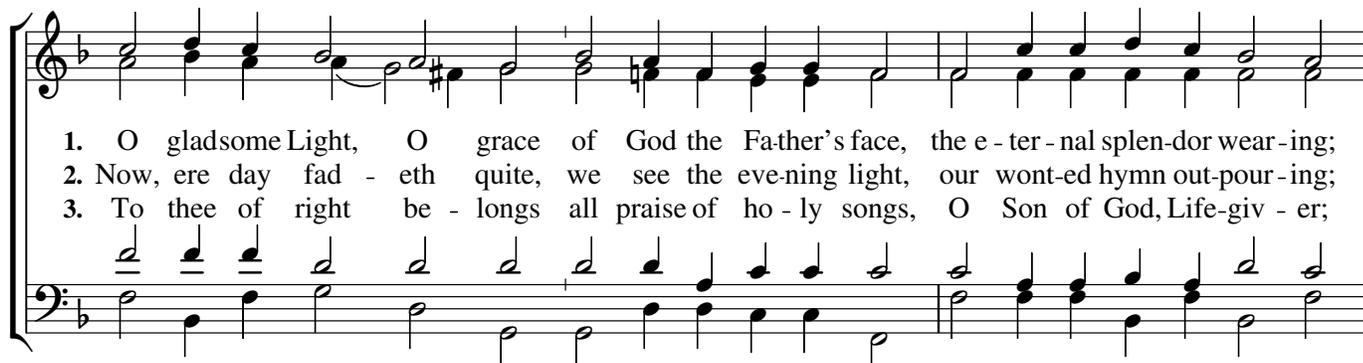
*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*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* WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> century  
paraphrase by Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930)  
TUNE: *Le Cantique de Siméon*, Loÿs Bourgeois (c. 1510–1559)



1. O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father'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.

*The Hymnal 1982 #36, public domain*

*Please be seated.*

**PSALMODY** Psalm 103 ♦ *chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by Kellow John Pye (1812–1901)

*Benedic, anima mea*

- B**LESS the LORD, O my soul, \*  
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, \*  
 and forget not all his benefits.
  - 3 He forgives all your sins \*  
 and heals all your infirmities;
  - 4 He redeems your life from the grave \*  
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
  - 5 He satisfies you with good things, \*  
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
  - 6 The LORD executes righteousness \*  
 and judgment for all who are oppressed.
  - 7 He made his ways known to Moses \*  
 and his works to the children of Israel.
  - 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, \*  
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
  - 9 He will not always accuse us, \*  
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
  - 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, \*  
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
  - 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, \*  
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
  - 12 As far as the east is from the west, \*  
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
  - 13 As a father cares for his children, \*  
 so does the LORD care for those who fear him.
  - 14 For he himself knows whereof we are made; \*  
 he remembers that we are but dust.
  - 15 Our days are like the grass; \*  
 we flourish like a flower of the field;
  - 16 When the wind goes over it, it is gone, \*  
 and its place shall know it no more.
  - 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures  
 for ever on those who fear him, \*  
 and his righteousness on children's children;
  - 18 On those who keep his covenant \*  
 and remember his commandments and do them.
  - 19 The LORD has set his throne in heaven, \*  
 and his kingship has dominion over all.
  - 20 Bless the LORD, you angels of his,  
 you mighty ones who do his bidding, \*  
 and hearken to the voice of his word.
  - 21 Bless the LORD, all you his hosts, \*  
 you ministers of his who do his will.
  - 22 Bless the LORD, all you works of his,  
 in all places of his dominion; \*  
 bless the LORD, O my soul.
- 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 28:10–17*

JACOB left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

setting by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)  
*Service for Gloucester Cathedral (1946)*

*Magnificat*

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**     *John 1:47-51*

**W**HEN Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” ♦

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

*Howells, Gloucester 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, 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 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.

**COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

*Officiant* **E**VERLASTING God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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 Saviorr.

*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**      *Verleih uns Frieden*

WORDS: Latin votive antiphon, 7<sup>th</sup> century  
German version by Martin Luther (1483–1546)  
MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

*Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,  
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.  
Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,  
der für uns könnte streiten,  
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.*

Mercifully grant us peace,  
Lord God, in our time.  
Because there is none other  
who fights for us,  
but only you, our God.

*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.**

*sung by all, as indicated, standing*

**HYMN 282** *Christ, the fair glory of the holy angels* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #282*

TUNE: *Cælites plaudant*

*vs. 1: all sing*

*vs. 2: all sing*

*vs. 3: Low voices (tenors & basses) only*

*vs. 4: High voices (sopranos & altos) only*

*vs. 5: all sing*

*vs. 6: all sing*

**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** *Abendfriede* [Evening Peace]

Rheinberger

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