



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS
& COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

November 4, 2018

4:30 PM

CHORAL 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 *Adagio e dolce* from *Organ Sonata No. 3 in D Minor, BWV 527*

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

A bell bids all to stand as they are able.

ENTRANCE Improvisation on *Ewing*
[tune of Hymn #624 “Jerusalem the golden”]

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, 3rd 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 111 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

Anglican Chant by James Turlle (1802–1882)

Confitebor tibi

HALLELUJAH!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
 in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
 they are studied by all who delight in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
 and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
 the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
 he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
 in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
 all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 because they are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
 he commanded his covenant for ever; *
 holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his praise endures for ever.

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 *2 Esdras 2:42-47*

I, EZRA, saw on Mount Zion a great multitude that I could not number, and they all were praising the Lord with songs. In their midst was a young man of great stature, taller than any of the others, and on the head of each of them he placed a crown, but he was more exalted than they. And I was held spellbound.

Then I asked an angel, "Who are these, my lord?" He answered and said to me, "These are they who have put off mortal clothing and have put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God. Now they are being crowned, and receive palms." Then I said to the angel, "Who is that young man who is placing crowns on them and putting palms in their hands?" He answered and said to me, "He is the Son of God, whom they confessed in the world." So I began to praise those who had stood valiantly for the name of the Lord. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

setting by Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)
Evening Service in D

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 *Hebrews 11:32–12:2*

AND what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

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

Brewer in D

Nunc dimittis

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 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 ALL SAINTS***Officiant* **A**LMIGHTY God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.*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** *And I saw a new heaven*WORDS: Revelation 21:1–4
MUSIC: Edgar Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

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 625 *Ye holy angels bright* ♦ *The Hymnal 1982 #625*

TUNE: *Darwell's 148th*

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.

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