



Choral Evensong

Dear friends in Christ,

Welcome to St. Peter's Church! We are glad you are here and invite you to join us this evening as we worship and give thanks to God. Wherever you find yourself in your spiritual journey, know that you are welcome here as we seek to know and serve God through worship, education, service, and fellowship. To learn more about life at St. Peter's Church, please sign the Visitors' Register in the entry hall. May the blessing of God's peace be with you.

Evensong, the sung service of Evening Prayer, is drawn almost entirely from the Bible and has been sung regularly in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Its purpose is to give thanks in song and sight to God, the Giver of all beauty. This service brings together elements of the older monastic offices of Vespers and Compline, particularly their respective canticles of the Magnificat and the Nunc dimittis from the Gospel of Luke.

The Reverend Luke Jernagan

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 10, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
CHORAL EVENSONG

Organ Prelude

The People stand as the procession enters.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness
 into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night;
 that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon
 the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. *Amos 5:8*

THE PRECES AND PSALTER

Music: William Smith of Durham (1603–1645)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor 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 People sit. The Choir sings the Psalms.

Psalm 53 *Dixit inspirens*

Anglican Chant: *C. H. Stewart*

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
- 2 God looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
- 3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God?
- 5 See how greatly they tremble, such trembling as never was; *
for God has scattered the bones of the enemy;
they are put to shame, because God has rejected them.
- 6 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when God restores the fortunes of his people
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

Anglican Chant: *M. Wise*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Psalm 55 *Exaudi, Deus*

Anglican Chant: *J. Foster, H. Howells*

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God; *
do not hide yourself from my petition.
- 2 Listen to me and answer me; *
I have no peace, because of my cares.
- 3 I am shaken by the noise of the enemy *
and by the pressure of the wicked;
- 4 For they have cast an evil spell upon me *
and are set against me in fury.
- 5 My heart quakes within me, *
and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling have come over me, *
and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! *
I would fly away and be at rest.
- 8 I would flee to a far-off place *
and make my lodging in the wilderness.
- 9 I would hasten to escape *
from the stormy wind and tempest."
- 10 Swallow them up, O Lord; confound their speech; *
for I have seen violence and strife in the city.
- 11 Day and night the watchmen make their rounds upon her walls, *
but trouble and misery are in the midst of her.

- 12 There is corruption at her heart; *
her streets are never free of oppression and deceit.
- 13 For had it been an adversary who taunted me, then I could have borne it; *
or had it been an enemy who vaunted himself against me,
then I could have hidden from him.
- 14 But it was you, a man after my own heart, *
my companion, my own familiar friend.
- 15 We took sweet counsel together, *
and walked with the throng in the house of God.
- 16 Let death come upon them suddenly;
let them go down alive into the grave; *
for wickedness is in their dwellings, in their very midst.
- 17 But I will call upon God, *
and the Lord will deliver me.
- 18 In the evening, in the morning, and at noonday,
I will complain and lament, *
and he will hear my voice.
- 19 He will bring me safely back from the battle waged against me; *
for there are many who fight me.
- 20 God, who is enthroned of old, will hear me and bring them down; *
they never change; they do not fear God.
- 21 My companion stretched forth his hand against his comrade; *
he has broken his covenant.
- 22 His speech is softer than butter, *
but war is in his heart.

- 23 His words are smoother than oil, *
but they are drawn swords.
- 24 Cast your burden upon the Lord, and he will sustain you; *
he will never let the righteous stumble.
- 25 For you will bring the bloodthirsty and deceitful *
down to the pit of destruction, O God.
- 26 They shall not live out half their days, *
but I will put my trust in you.

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 LESSONS

First Lesson: Ezra 10: 1-17

The People stand and sing the Office Hymn:

Hymn 35: "Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation"

Mighty Savior

The People sit.

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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55 and Gloria Patri

Music: Short Service, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Second Lesson: Luke 14: 12-24

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.

Words: *Luke 2:29-32 and Gloria Patri*
Music: *Short Service, Gibbons*

The People stand.

The Apostles' Creed

Sung by all on a monotone.

Cantor I believe in God,

All the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Music: *Smith of Durham*

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

The People kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Cantor 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. Amen.

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Cantor O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.

Choir Amen.

A Collect for Peace

Cantor O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Cantor Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

The People sit.

Greeting

At the Offering, Anthem

Great Lord of Lords, supreme immortal King,
O give us grace to sing
Thy praise which makes earth, air and heaven to ring.

O Word of God, from ages unbegun,
The Father's only Son,
With Him in power, in substance Thou art one.

O Holy Ghost, whose care doth all embrace,
Thy watch is o'er our race,
Thou source of life, thou spring of peace and grace.

One living Trinity, one unseen Light,
All, all is Thine; Thy light
Beholds alike the bounds of depth and height.
Amen.

Words: *Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)*
Music: *Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)*

The People kneel.

Closing Prayers

The General Thanksgiving

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Ephesians 3:20, 21

The People stand.

Hymn 345: "Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise"

Ellers

Procession

Choral Orison

God, that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night;
May thine angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night.

Words: *Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

Music: *AR HYD Y NOS, Traditional Welsh Melody,
harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Voluntary: Fantasia

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

*Bearing in mind that the Voluntary, like the liturgy that precedes it, is an offering to
God's glory, the Congregation is asked to be seated or depart quietly.*

All are invited to a reception downstairs in the undercroft after the service.

The Rev. Kelly Carlson, *Officiant*
Sandy Peters, *Acolyte* • Bonnie Freeland, *Lector*
The St. Peter's Singers • Dan Pickett, *Cantor*
David Sinden, *Choirmaster* • Jennifer Spohr, *Organist*

Upcoming Evening Choral Services and Concert at St. Peter's, 2019/20

In addition to services of Choral Evensong, this schedule includes evening choral liturgies for Advent and Epiphany which are rooted in the Evensong tradition. The service in Advent includes the Magnificat; the service in Epiphany, the Nunc dimittis.

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| Advent Carol Service | Sunday, December 8 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Epiphany Carol Service | Sunday, January 12 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Choral Evensong | Sunday, February 9 | 5:00 p.m. |
| <i>This is the fourth annual joint service sung by the choirs of The Church of St. Michael and St. George (Robert Lehman, Choirmaster) and St. Peter's Church. The service will be sung here at St. Peter's.</i> | | |
| Choral Evensong | Sunday, March 8 | 5:00 p.m. |
| Choral Evensong | Sunday, April 19 | 5:00 p.m. |



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