



The Feast of St. Anselm

21 April 2024 Evensong № 4:00 P.M. The Holy Communion № 5:00 P.M.

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The Cathedral Schola

One of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is the English Reformation's fusion of the ancient evening prayer services of Vespers and Compline. "In quires and places where they sing" the service is customarily offered according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose texts for the canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – and most of the prayers (Latin, "Preces") were first published in 1549 and are translations from the still more ancient Latin and Sarum rites for the Daily Offices. Over nearly five centuries, Evensong has both inspired worshippers and moved composers to create one of the largest corpuses of sacred music in the English language, music that enlightens our experience of God at the Cathedral of St. Philip week by week.

The congregation sings the hymns and joins in silently as the choir offers music to God in praise and prayer on behalf of the world and the Church universal. Following the formal close of Evensong, an intimate "liturgy of the table" is offered at the high altar for those who wish to stay to receive Holy Communion.

The Procession

The Opening Sentences

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand as the Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

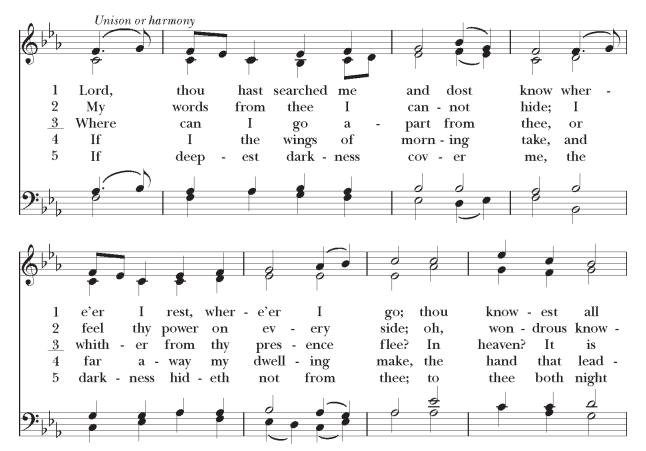
setting: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960) in A Flat

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Candles are lit as all sing the

Office Hymn: 702

music: Tender Thought, from Kentucky Harmony, 1816 words: The Psalter Hymnal, 1927; para. of Psalm 139:1-11





All sit while the Choir sings

Psalm 139:1-9

Anglican chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932) BCP, p. 794

LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? * where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; * if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning * and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me * and your right hand hold me fast.

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

The First Lesson Romans 5:1-11

Lector A Lesson from The Letter of Paul to the Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Magnificat

music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in C words: Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55; & Gloria Patri

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.

The Second Lesson Matthew 11:25-30

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) in C words: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32; & Gloria Patri

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.

All sing

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, 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

The Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

setting: Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960) in A Flat

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

All stand or kneel

- V. Let us pray.
- R. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, 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.

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State:
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people:
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord:
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us:
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

A Collect

Almighty God, whose servant Anselm helped your church to understand its faith in your eternal Being, perfect justice, and saving mercy: Provide your church in all ages with devout and learned scholars and teachers, that we may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

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. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

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. Amen.

The Anthem after the Third Collect

Domine Jesu Christe, qui me creasti, redemisti, et praeordinasti ad hoc quod sum, tu scis quid de me facere vis; fac de me secundum voluntatem tuam, cum misericordia. Amen. music: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962), A Prayer of King Henry VI words: King Henry VI (1421-1471)

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst create me, and redeem me, and hast foreordained me to that which I am. Thou knowest what Thou wilt do with me; do with me according to thy will, and show me thy mercy, Lord. Amen.

All stand to sing

The Meditation Hymn: 692

music: The Third Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); ed. John Wilson (1905-1992) words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt.



The Meditation Canon Holder

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Bob Chilcott (b. 1955), Now the green blade riseth words: J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain, Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

All stand or kneel for

The Intercessions

All stand or kneel to pray

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

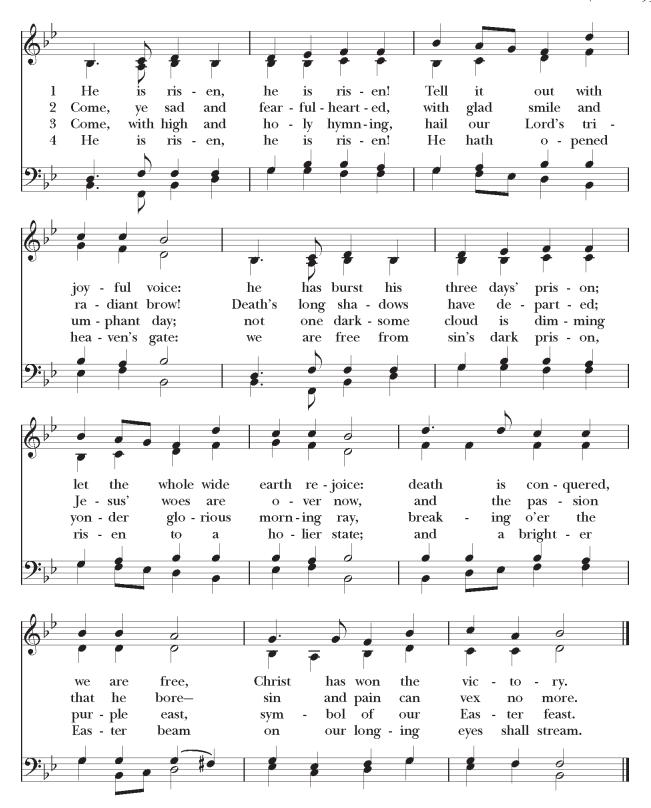
Officiant Let us pray.
All Almighty Go

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. Amen.

The Grace

All sit for

The Parish Notices



Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.

Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath * praise the LORD. Hallelujah.

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.

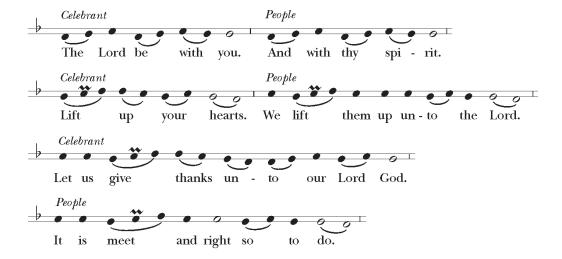
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Reverend Canon Lauren R. Holder, Celebrant

The Great Thanksgiving

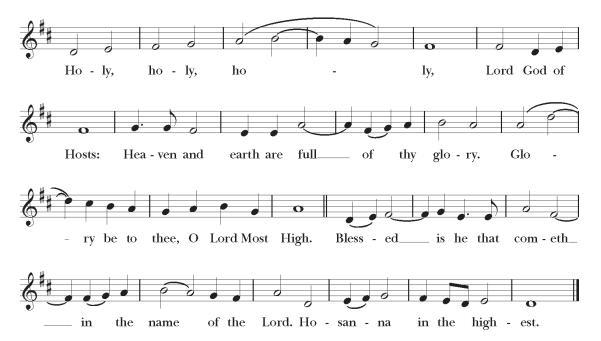
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The Sanctus: S 114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Service music (indicated by "S" numbers) is found at the front of the Hymnal. After the Sanctus, all may kneel or stand.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. At the altar, stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. If you need the priest to bring Communion to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

music: Resignation, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950) words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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