



CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Four o'clock in the afternoon

Among the many possible ways of Christian worship, the service of evensong, also known as evening prayer, is remarkable both for the centuries-old liturgical tradition it represents and for the atmosphere of contemplative devotion that enables it to remain deeply meaningful for worshippers today. The liturgy traces its origins to the daily rites of the medieval church and has been said or sung regularly in its current form since the sixteenth century. All the words have been shaped and refined by long use and by renewed attempts to express the mysteries of God.

For some people it is music, not words, that carries them into the presence of God: and for others it is silence. Most of us need all three – words, music and silence – to lead us into the spirit of worship. So this service provides a liturgical, architectural and musical space in which one may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose saving acts we celebrate. Many find that through participation by silent attention while ministers and choir speak and sing in their name, they make the words and music their own. Once you have quietly offered those preoccupations which may be cluttering your mind, you are free to go on to offer to God all that you are. It is then that this service is experienced for what it is – an act of worship, in the Spirit, expressing our thanksgiving and hopes to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Processional

All stand as the choir enters

The Preces

Paul Spicer

*Cantor &
Choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips;
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
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.
The Lord's name be praised.

All sing

Phos Hilaron

O Gracious Light

Tallis' Canon

O gracious light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone. Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you, his holy son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O son of God, life-giving Lord; wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

All sit

O be joyful in God all ye lands, sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious. Say unto God, "O how wonderful art thou in thy works. Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies be found liars unto thee. For all the world shall worship thee, sing of thee and praise thy name." O come hither and behold the works of God: how wonderful he is in his doing toward the children of men. He turned the sea into dry land: so that they went through the water on foot. There did we rejoice thereof. He ruleth with his power forever, his eyes behold the people, and such as will not believe shall not be able to exalt themselves. O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. 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.

Lesson Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-2:4
(*Pew Bible, p. 762*)

Canticle Magnificat in A Charles V. Stanford

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 shewed 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 forever.

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.

Lesson Philippians 3:13-4:1
(*Pew Bible, p. 955*)

Canticle Nunc dimittis in A Charles V. Stanford

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.

All stand

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 (*Said by all*)

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor & Choir The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

All sit

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Collects

O Almighty God, kindle, we beseech thee, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with thy wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility thy dominion may increase till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. Amen.

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

Anthem

They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships

Herbert Sumsion

They that go down to the sea in ships and occupy their business in great waters; these men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They are carried up to the heav'n, and down again to the deep; their soul melteth away because of the trouble. They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, he deliv'reth them out of their distress. For he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they are at rest, and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

Psalm 107:23-30

Prayers of Intercession

After each petition, all pray together in silence.

*After the silence, all respond: **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

All stand and sing

Hymn 690

The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended

St. Clement

Blessing

Let us pray.

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.**

Grace

All remain standing until the procession passes

Voluntary

Paeon

Herbert Howells



Sanctuary Choir of West End United Methodist Church

Soprano

Jill Austin Prentice
Hannah Cullum
Patricia Cullum*
Rebecca Frame
Laura Gray
Jennifer Heath
Emma Jackson
Penny Lueckenhoff
Jan Morrison

Alto

Monica Coombs
Jodie Gambill
Stacey Harwell-Dye
Julie Jones
Linda Lundin
Pam Rice
Lee Warren
Laura Webb*
Allison Williams
Bethany Wilson

Tenor

Scott Brons
Kyle Collier*
Walt Johnson
Sean Kennedy
Fred Mund
Scott Wolfe

Bass

Robb Bigelow
Doug Brown
Patrick Dunnevant
Heath Jones
Pierce O'Brien
Jeff Ockerman
Keith Ramsey
Ben Troxler*

* Solo voices for Magnificat

Andrew Risinger, organist/conductor • Michael Gebhart, guest organist
Ben Troxler, cantor • Carol Cavin-Dillon, liturgist



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