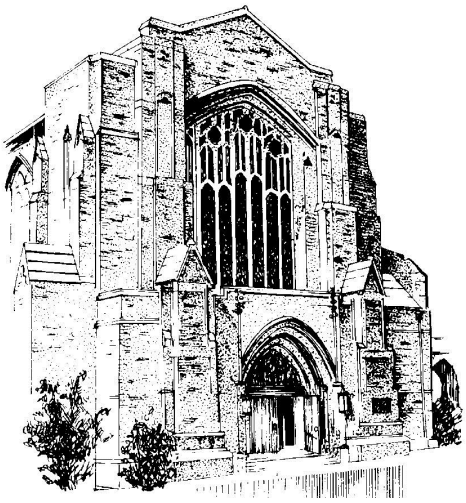

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, October 22, 2017
Five 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 Bernard Rose

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

Psalm 149 C. V. Stanford

O sing unto the Lord a new song, let the congregation of saints praise him. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king. Let them praise his name in the dance, let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp. For the Lord hath pleasure in his people, and helpeth the meek-hearted. Let the saints be joyful with glory, let them rejoice in their beds. Let the praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hands, to be avenged of the heathen and to rebuke the people; to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron. That they may be avenged of them as it is written; such honor have all his saints. 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 Exodus 33:12-23
(*Pew Bible, p. 70)*

Canticle Magnificat - *Gloucester Service* Herbert Howells

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 I Thessalonians 1:1-10
(Pew Bible, p. 959)

Canticle Nunc dimittis - *Gloucester Service* Herbert Howells

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.

The Responses Bernard Rose

Cantor & The Lord be with you.
Choir 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, shew 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

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; 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 Beati Quorum via C. V. Stanford

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.
(*Psalm 119:1*)

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 517 By Gracious Powers Intercessor

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 Toccata Joseph Jongen

The Magnificat & Nunc dimittis of Herbert Howells is given to the glory of God and in honor of Lee Warren by Jerry and Dot Warren.

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Melissa Gramling	Linda Lundin	Sean Kennedy	Jim Fason
Emma Jackson	Emily Rich	Fred Mund	Heath Jones
Emily Krasinski	Laura Webb	Scott Wolfe	Pierce O'Brien
Penny Lueckenhoff	Allison Williams		Keith Ramsey
Jan Morrison	Bethany Wilson		Ben Troxler
Sarah Williams			

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