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A Service of
Choral Evensong

Sunday May 20, 2018
4:00 p.m.

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

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*Please silence cell phones, pagers, or chiming watches.
+ congregation may stand*

VOLUNTARY "Choral varié sur le thème du 'Veni Creator'"

Maurice Duruflé

INTROIT

"Locus iste"

Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est, *This place was made by*
inaestimabile sacramentum; *God, a priceless sacrament;*
irreprehensibilis est. *beyond reproach.*

+PROCESSION *(all stand as the choir and clergy process to the chancel)*

+PRECES

*Setting: Byron Adams
Precentor: Michael Galvin*

Precentor: O Lord, open thou our lips;

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Precentor: O God, make speed to save us;

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Precentor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy
Ghost;

*Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

Precentor: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

WORDS OF WELCOME

John Wilkinson

+HYMN

"Christ, Mighty Savior"

INNISFREE FARM

Stanzas 1 & 2 - all
Stanza 3 – women
Stanza 4 - men
Stanza 5 - all

Psalm 29

Bring unto the LORD O ye mighty, bring young rams unto the LORD: ascribe unto the LORD worship and strength. ²Give the LORD the honour due unto his Name: worship the LORD with holy worship. ³It is the LORD that commandeth the waters: it is the glorious God that maketh the thunder. ⁴It is the LORD that ruleth the sea; the voice of the LORD is mighty in operation: the voice of the LORD is a glorious voice. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedar-trees: yea the LORD breaketh the cedars of Libanus. ⁶He maketh them also to skip like a calf: Libanus also and Sirion like a young unicorn. ⁷The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness: yea the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Cades. ⁸The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young and discovereth the thick bushes: in his temple doth every man speak of his honour. ⁹The LORD sitteth above the water-flood: and the LORD remaineth a King forever. ¹⁰The LORD shall give strength unto his people: the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

(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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT IN E

Herbert Murrill

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 shown 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 rememb'ring His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel; as He promised to our forefathers Abraham and His seed forever. *(Canticle of Mary - Luke 1:46-55)*

(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.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:21-29

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN E

Herbert Murrill

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; A light, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. *(Prayer of Simeon - Luke 2:29-32)*

(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 *(sung 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 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.

RESPONSES

Setting: Byron Adams

Precentor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Precentor: Let us pray.

Choir: 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.*

Precentor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor: O Lord, save the State.

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Precentor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*(The Precentor sings three special prayers: one for the day, one for
peace, and one for aid against all dangers.)*

ANTHEM "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me"

Sir C. Hubert H. Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the
Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is
built as a city that is at unity in itself.

**Vivat Regina! Vivat Regina Elizabetha! Vivat! Vivat! Vivat!*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

- from Psalm 122

** sung in recognition of the Royal Wedding this weekend*

PRAYERS *(various prayers are offered, ending with The Grace, said by all)*

THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all
evermore. Amen.

THE BLESSING

+ HYMN 677 “The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended” ST. CLEMENT

PROCESSION *(please remain seated while the choir processes out)*

VOLUNTARY “Introduction & Passacaglia in D minor” Max Reger

*An offering will be received at the doors as you depart, to support
the work of each congregation. Thank you for your generosity.*

The congregation is cordially invited to join the Clergy and Choir in Celebration Center, downstairs, for tea and refreshments. Please come!

Many thanks to the members of the Worship, Music and Arts Committee; ushers; choir members and others, for their assistance with the service and reception.

About the Service of Evensong

The service of Evensong, or Evening Prayer, combines elements of two services – Vespers and Compline – which were part of the seven-service daily cycle of prayer in the monasteries. It is said or sung daily in the cathedrals and collegiate churches of England, and in many cathedrals and churches in America, as well.

In many ways it is a very tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship offered to God by Christian people, at every hour, in every part of the world. In attending a service of Evensong, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – **a conversation between God and God’s people that began long before we were born, and will go on long after we are dead.** So do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is an act of praise to almighty God that proclaims His wonderful presence in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.

The form of the service is little altered from the form of the sixteenth century, but the content has a longer history. The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Jewish temple. **Those used in this afternoon's service are from the translation by Miles Coverdale,** completed in the seventeenth century. Canticles (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis) are taken from the New Testament, and in the set prayers and responses, thanksgiving and petitions the people of God have always found themselves trying to make are expressed in words that were shaped and refined by long usage.

The service is in three parts. The first part prepares the worshipper for the story **that is to follow. The second part is the narrative of God's redeeming work, beginning** with the psalms. The recitation of the psalter is at the heart of monastic worship, and **this is reflected in the composition of Evensong. The story of God's work continues in** readings from the Old and New Testaments. Canticles of praise in response to this story (Magnificat and Nunc dimittis) are taken from the gospels. This part reaches its climax in the Affirmation of Faith. The third part is our prayerful response to the God who has been revealed in history, in Jesus Christ, and in the Church.

Each service is an act of worship addressed not to us, but to God, an act of thanksgiving and an act of intercession for all.

(adapted from publications of King's College, Cambridge, and Coventry Cathedral)

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