Our vision A spiritually alive world
Our mission Reimagining church with courage, joy and wonder

Evensong
Thursday, July 18, 2019
5:15 p.m.

In celebration of Bastille Day, harking back to our solidarity concert in honor of Notre-Dame in April 2019. Photo credit: Stefan Cohen
Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Choral Evensong marks the end of the working day and prepares for the approaching night. The roots of this service come out of ancient monastic traditions of Christian prayer. In this form, it was created by Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 16th century, as part of the simplification of services within the newly-reformed Church of England. The Episcopal Church, as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, has inherited this pattern of evening prayer.

In this service we are invited to reflect on the business of the past day, to pray for the world and for ourselves, and to commend all into God’s hands as words of Holy Scripture are said and sung. The beauty of the music is offered to help us set our lives in the light of eternity; the same light which dwelt among us in Jesus, and which now illuminates us by the Spirit. May this service be a blessing to you.

Voluntary
Benedictus
Alec Rowley

The people stand as the procession enters.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Opening Sentence

Preces
John Rutter

Officant
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.

Choir
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.

Hymn 589
Sung by all.

Walden

1 Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground,
now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not our selfishness and hate this holy seed remove,
but give it root in every heart to bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world’s deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.

Psalm 65
Sung by the choir, the people sit.

(BCP, p. 672)

Jonathan Battishill
The Readings
Readings can be found at the end of this service leaflet.

Isaiah 55:10–13
The Magnificat

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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.


Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23
The Nunc Dimittis

Choir 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.


Homily
The Apostles’ Creed

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.
The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. The people may stand or kneel.

Lord have mercy upon us.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung on a monotone.

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 Suffrages

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save this Land.
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.

The Collects

Sung by officiant.
Anthem

Choir

I came forth from the mouth of the most high, and covered the earth as a mist; I dwelt in high places, and my throne is in the pillar of the cloud. Alone I compassed the circuit of heaven, and walked in the depth of the abyss. In the waves of the sea and in all the earth and in every people and nation, I got a possession; with all these I sought rest: and I took root in a people that was glorified, in the portion of the Lord’s own inheritance. I was exalted like a cedar in Libanus, and as a cypress on the mountains of Hermon: I was exalted like a palm tree on the sea shore, and as a fair olive tree in the plain. And my branches are branches of glory and grace, and my flow’rs are the fruit of glory and riches. Come unto me, ye that are desirous of me and be ye filled with my fruits. And I came out as a stream from a river, I said I will water my garden, and will water abundantly my garden bed. And lo, my stream became a river and my river became the sea, for my thoughts are filled from the sea and my counsels from the great deep.

- Ecclesiasticus 24:3–7, 12–14, 16–17, 19, 29–31

Closing Prayers

The people may stand or kneel.

Hymn 541

Sung by all, standing as an offering is received.

Ora Labora

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
2 Come, la-bor on. The enemy is watching night and day,
3 Come, la-bor on. Away with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!
4 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high calling angels can-not share—
5 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed a-way; while we in sleep our
No arm so weak but may do ser-v ice here: by feeb-lest a-gents
to young and old the Gos-pel glad-ness bear: re-deem the time; its
till the long sha-dows o’er our path-way lie, and a glad sound comes
does the Mas-ter say, “Go work to-day.”
duty have for-got, he slum bered not.
may our God ful-fill his right eous will.
hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh.
with the set-ting sun, “Ser-vants, well done.”

text: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), alt.; music: Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Voluntary

Maestoso, from Organ Sonata in E-flat

Bairstow
The Readings

**Isaiah 55:10–13**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen! Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
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Senior Community Day
Thursday, July 25 • 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Cathedral

Enjoy breakfast, Bible study and a topical presentation supporting seniors in their golden years. Guest presenter Steph Hester returns in a reprisal of Tech Talk to help seniors navigate the ever-changing world of technology.

Human Rights in Christian Perspective
Saturday, July 27 • 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Cathedral

Co-presented with St. Mary the Virgin Church, this interactive one-day workshop offers insight into human rights from theological, spiritual, historical and legal perspectives. Register at gracecathedral.org/humanrights.

**music, arts, ideas**

Acknowledgment: An Evening Vespers Concert

Saturday, July 20 • 7 p.m. • Cathedral

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Saturday, August 10 • 6 p.m. • Chapter Room

A chance to hear an innovative sitar artist and leading cultural ambassador of Indian classical music with a unique style in an intimate setting. Tickets at brightstarevents.com.

Save the date: Meredith Monk

Friday, August 23 • 7:30 p.m. • Cathedral

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