Evensong

Thursday, March 12, 2020
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Thursday in the Second Week of Lent • 12 March 2020 • 5:15 pm

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. It was created in this form 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 tonight’s 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.

Tonight’s Evensong is being recorded for an online-only congregation. http://gracecathedral.org/ With the number of COVID-19 coronavirus cases increases, the Church as a whole—Grace Cathedral included—is still called as a witness to the life and health that God desires for all creation. While that core commitment never changes, how we live into it does. Grace Cathedral will continue to adapt our worship, community life and outreach to express this mission for the world as it is, and in light of the best available public health guidelines.

Voluntary

Opening Sentence
The people stand as the procession enters.
Said by the officiant.

Confession

Officiant
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. All may kneel.

All
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Bishop or Officiant
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces
The people stand.

Officiant
O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Choir
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.
**Hymn 29**

O Trinity of blessed light, O
To thee our morning song of praise, to
O

To God the Father, heavenly Light, to

To our evening prayer we raise; O grant us with thy
O

Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy

Unity of holy might, the fiery sun now

Thee our evening prayer we raise; O grant us with thy

Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy

Light, O


**Psalm 95**

Sung by the choir; the people sit. F. H. Champneys

(BCP, p. 724)

**The Readings**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.
The Magnificat (Luke 1:45–55)  
Choir: 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.

John 2:13–22  
The Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:29–32)  
Sung by the choir; all stand.  
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.

The Homily  
The people sit.  
The Rev. Canon S. Abbott Bailey,
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

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. The people may kneel.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Lord’s Prayer

All 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

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir 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 In the beginning, O Lord, thou didst found the earth, and the heavens are the works of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou remainest, and they shall all wax old as a garment, and as a vesture thou shalt change them and they shall be changed. But thou art the selfsame, and thy years shall not fail.

- Psalm 102:25-27

Closing Prayers

Hymn

Sung by all, standing as an offering is received.

Ar hyd y nos

May Thy angel guards defend us, slumber sweet Thy mercy send us,
From the power of evil hide us, in the narrow path way guide us,
When the trumpet call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not forsake us,

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ho - ly dreams and hopes attend us all through the night.
nev - er be Thy smile denied us all through the night.
but to reign in glo - ry take us with Thee on high.

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— Heather Millar and Peter Young

music, arts and ideas

The Forum with Joan Williams
Sunday, March 15 • 9:30 a.m. • Gresham Hall
The legal scholar and author of What Works for Women at Work and White Working Class on bridging the differences in gender, class, race and work.

CODA Concerts Clinic and Performance
Monday, March 16 • Clinic: 9:30 a.m. • Performance: 1:30 p.m. Cathedral
A workshop for aspiring singers and goal-oriented choirs, followed by a National Choral Festival performance with composer-in-residence Dr. Z. Randall Stroope. Tickets at door.

Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator Training
Sunday, March 15 & Monday, March 16 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Chapter Room
Led by Lauren Artress, Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator; this training prepares people to introduce others to the labyrinth. Register at veriditas.org.

Daybreaker at Grace
Friday, March 20 • 7 p.m. • Cathedral
Daybreaker SF, the west coast branch of a worldwide early morning dance movement, returns for an evening of yoga and dance at dusk in our beautiful cathedral. Tickets at daybreaker.com.

community

Summer Arts Camp - Sign Up Now!
Monday, June 22 - Friday, June 26 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Cathedral
Work with inspiring artists from Little Opera, Alonzo King LINES Ballet and the world of visual art to create, build and have fun! For children entering grades 1-6. Space is limited so register at gracecathedral.org/summerrcamp.
cathedral worship

Sunday
Nursery 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Eucharist 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Choral Eucharist 11 a.m.
Evensong 3 p.m.
Evening Eucharist 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday
Morning Prayer 9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist 12:10 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday
Yoga 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday
The Vine 6:30 p.m.
Contemporary Worship

Thursday
Holy Eucharist 7:30 a.m.
Choral Evensong 5:15 p.m.

Saturday
Morning Prayer 9 a.m.
Evening Prayer 3 p.m.

The Forum
The Forum is a series of stimulating conversations about the issues of our day. Events take place at Gresham Hall on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. Free and open to all. For more information, visit gracecathedral.org/forum.

March 8: Dr. Hatem Bazian, co-founder and Professor of Islamic Law and Theology at Zaytuna College, the first accredited US Muslim liberal arts college, on Palestine and Palestinians.
March 15: Joan Williams, legal scholar and author of What Works for Women at Work and White Working Class on bridging the differences in gender, class, race and work.
March 22: Awoye Timpo, director of School Girls; Or, The African Mean Girls Play, on universal issues of beauty and self-worth that face teenage girls across the globe.

when we’re open
Cathedral: Open daily 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Thursday open 7 a.m.).
Columbarium: Sunday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Docents generally available: Monday - Friday 1 – 3 p.m. • Saturday 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Sunday after the 11 a.m. service (meet at the font).

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The 11 a.m. Sunday Eucharist and 5:15 p.m. Thursday Evensong are posted on our website for a week after each service. Subscribe to the sermons through iTunes or listen at gracecathedral.org/listen.

Prayer Requests
To request prayers of thanksgiving or intercession, email prayer@gracecathedral.org. Every day, our prayer team tends to the concerns of the community and remembers those who have died.

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