

# Evensong

THURSDAY IN THE FOURTEENTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST • 18 SEPTEMBER 2014 • 5:15 PM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Evensong is said or sung in cathedrals, chapels and churches around the Anglican Communion every evening throughout the year. Its roots lie in monastic worship: Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489–1556) created the service for the Book of Common Prayer by fusing together the monastic evening offices of Vespers and Compline. Evensong celebrates the Incarnation of Jesus, that moment when God took human form and became a part of daily, earthly life. The choir sings psalms, a part of the Jewish worship in which Jesus participated, and integral to a community looking forward to the coming of the Messiah. The choir also sings the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*, songs from the New Testament which have been set to music by numerous composers. The *Magnificat*, the Song of Mary from the Gospel of Luke, is a prophetic hymn by Jesus' mother, the "God-Bearer," about the world that would emerge with the birth of her child. The *Nunc Dimittis*, also from Luke, is the Song of Simeon, the man who waited devoutly in the temple for the expected Messiah. There are also readings, prayers and an anthem, usually on a seasonal theme. Throughout the service, word and music join together: each enriches the other so that our senses and intellects, our hearts and minds, work together to draw us closer to God, give us a glimpse of God's glory and learn the pattern of love at the heart of Christian discipleship.

## VOLUNTARY

The people stand as the procession enters.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### OPENING SENTENCE

#### PRECES

Bernard Rose

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir 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.

#### HYMN 706

Sung by all.

Halton Holgate



1 In your mer - cy, Lord, — you called me, taught my sin - filled heart and mind, —  
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by grace you set me free; —  
3 Now, my heart sets none — a - bove you, for your grace a - lone I thirst, —



else — this — world had still — en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept — me blind.  
for — my — heart would still — re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
know - ing — well, that if — I love you, you, O Lord, have loved — me first.

text: Josiah Conder (1789-1855), alt.; Charles P. Price (1920-1999); music: William Boyce (1711-1779)

#### PSALM 51:1-12

(BCP, p. 656)

Sung by the choir, the people sit.

chant: Herbert Howells

## The Lessons

EXODUS 32:7-14

THE MAGNIFICAT

The people stand.

Howells

*Evening Service "Sancti Johannis"*

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.

- Luke 1:45-55

LUKE 15:1-10

The people sit.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

The people stand.

Howells

Choir Lord, now letteth 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.

- Luke 2:29-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sung on a monotone.

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

Rose

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

Rose

Choir 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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

Rose

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir 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.

## THE COLLECTS

### ANTHEM

The people sit.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Choir Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and forgive me all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

- Psalm 51: 2-3

## CLOSING PRAYERS

The people may kneel.

## HYMN 401

Sung by all as an offering is received.

Leoni



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



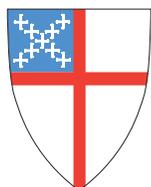
1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 3 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 4 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 5 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

text: Thomas Olivers (1725-1790), alt.; music: Hebrew Melody, harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, alt.

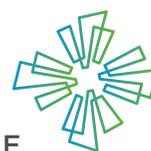
## VOLUNTARY



Musicians: The Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys  
 Canon Benjamin Bachmann, The Diana Dollar Knowles Canon Director of Music  
 Paul Meier, Assistant Director of Music



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