

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Church of the Good Shepherd

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – 25 September 2011 6:00pm

Sung by the Trebles and Parish Choir
The Rev'd Dominic Moore, Asst. to the Rector, Officiant
John Linker, Organist/Choirmaster
Schuyler Robinson, Assisting Organist

About the Office of Evensong

Evensong (Evening Prayer) is the Anglican derivation by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) from the Roman canonical evening hours of Vespers and Compline. Following the English Reformation, Evensong (as well as the morning Office of Matins, Cranmer's compilation of the Roman hours of Matins, Lauds, and Prime) was sung daily in cathedral and collegiate churches to modified adaptations of traditional chant. These chants evolved into elaborate settings with improvised harmonies, and thus this music was written down for the Daily Offices. Eventually boys' voices joined the men's voices and countless composers seized the opportunity to write music for this unique sound. It is from the Daily Offices that comes the greatest wealth of our rich heritage of Anglican music. This evening we pray with song and with silence. We place before God our petitions and pray on behalf of all those who are not in attendance.

Voluntary Adagio in E Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

All stand at the entrance of the Choir and Clergy.

Introit

We wait for thy loving kindness

William McKie (1901-1984)

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple. Alleluya.

O God, according to thy Name, so is thy praise unto the world's end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluya.

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of thy temple.

O Lord send us now prosperity. Amen.

[Text compiled by the Rev'd C.M. Armitage, Precentor of Westminster]

The Officiant begins the Office with one or more of the following sentences of scripture.

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalm 16:7,8*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

Silence is kept

Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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 his Holy Spirit. *Amen*.

All Stand

The Invitatory and Psalter Preces & Resposes (Edington) Philip Radcliffe

Sung by the Choir (1905-1986)

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
- R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise
- V. O God, make speed to save us.
- R. 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.

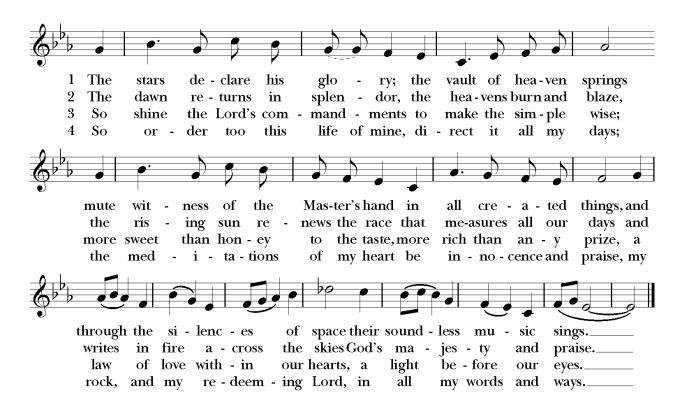
- V. Praise ye the Lord.
- R. The Lord's name be praised.

All sing the Phos Hilaron Hymn

Hymn 431*

The stars declare his glory

Aldine



The congregation is seated as the Choir sings the Psalms Appointed.

Psalm 19 Cæli enarrant Chant: Darlington

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- Although they have no words or language, * and theirvoices are not heard,
- Their sound has gone out into all lands, * and their message to the ends of the world.

- In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
 it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; * nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; * the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, * sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me * then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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.

Psalm 46 Deus noster refugium

- God is our refuge and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
- Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

Chant: Luther

- Though its waters rage and foam, * and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
- It is he who makes the war to cease in all the world; *
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the shields with fire.
- "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth."
- The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

Reader: A Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they

took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Silence is kept.

All stand as the Choir sings the Magnificat, the text of which can be found on page 65 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Magnificat (The Song of Mary)

Evening Service in G

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

All are seated.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

Reader: A Lesson from the Gospel according to Luke.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Silence is kept.

All stand as the Choir sings the Nunc dimittis, the text of which is found on page 66 of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Creed is then sung on a monotone, all standing facing East.

The Apostles' Creed

(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

Sung by the Choir

Preces & Responses (Edington)

Philip Radcliffe

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.
- V. Let us pray.

The Congregation kneels, as the Choir remains standing.

A brief silence is kept.

R. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir continues

Our Father, which art in heaven.

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

in 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 Officiant and Choir continue

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. (Choir) *Amen*.

A Collect for Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrections, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. (Choir) *Amen*.

A Prayer for Mission

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. (Choir) *Amen*.

Here additional prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings may be said by the people.

- V. Lord, in thy mercy,
- R. Hear our prayer.

The Congregation is seated.

Installation and Commissioning of Choir Members and Acolytes

During the Anthem an Offering is received to benefit the Choir's Special Music Fund, which helps to fund this service and others like it. Thank you for your generosity.

Anthem

I will sing with the Spirit

David Goodenough (b. 1968)

I will sing with the Spirit.

I will sing with the understanding.

O sing unto the Lord a new song.

Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

I will sing with the Spirit.

Psallam spiritu et mente The Motto of the Royal School of Church Music

All stand for

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, Give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.



A Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant

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*.

Concluding Versicle and Response



Psalm 150 Sung by the Choir in procession

The Office concludes with all saying together

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.

All remain standing until the Clergy and Choir exit.

The Congregation is invited to be seated or quietly exit during the concluding voluntary.

Voluntary Ach blieb bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 649

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Chant: Talbot

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the evening tide; Nor let thy word, our glorious light, For us be ever veiled in night.

In these dark days that yet remain, May we thy sacraments maintain, And keep thy word still free and pure And steadfast in the faith endure.

All are invited to the Undercroft following the service for a reception provided by the Choir Guild.

We invite you to future choral services and special events.

6 November 2011 7:00pm Annual All Saint's Concert

Duruflé, Requiem, and other works for Choir & Organ

13 November 2011 5:00pm Choral Evensong, followed by Annual Meeting

18 December 2011 5:00pm A Festival of Nine Lessons &

Carols for Christmas

22 January 2012 5:00pm Choral Evensong with Installation

of New Choristers

12 February 2012 5:00pm Service for Black History Month

Good Shepherd Choirs with UK Spiritual Ensemble

22 February 2012 7:00pm Solemn High Mass for Ash Wednesday

5 April 2012 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

6 April 2012 7:00pm Liturgy of Good Friday

7 April 2012 7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter

22 April 2012 5:00pm Choral Evensong for Eastertide

20 May 2012 5:00pm Choral Evensong for Ascensiontide

Good Shepherd choirs are presently enrolling, and we need you! Eligibility for Trebles (girls and boys) is from age 8 (3rd grade), and new adult singers are always welcome as well. Choir membership is open to members and non-members of the parish alike.

For detailed information on the Choirs of Good Shepherd, please visit: www.goodshepherdlex.org

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