

All Saints Episcopal Parish



Transfiguration (1971)
Norman Adams, Royal Academy

Choral Evensong for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany
February 14, 2021
4:00 p.m.

Evensong is the quintessential liturgy of Anglicanism with its origins in the English Reformation. A combination of the monastic hours of Vespers and Compline, Evening Prayer as it first appeared in Thomas Cranmer's *Book of Common Prayer* of 1549 includes a standard format for which the music began to be added during the reign of Elizabeth I by such prolific composers as Thomas Tallis and William Byrd.

The liturgy begins with the cantor and choir singing opening verses (called *preces*) and responses. Then follows one or more psalms and a reading from the Old Testament or one of the New Testament epistles plus a reading from the Gospels. Interspersed between the scripture readings are the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55), known as the *Magnificat*, and the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32), or *Nunc dimittis*.

The congregation joins the officiant and choir in saying the *Apostles' Creed*. The officiant (or cantor) and choir then lead the prayers, and the choral portion of the service concludes with a choir anthem usually based on one of the scripture readings of the day.

If you are new to Evensong, it may feel initially as if you are mostly a spectator rather than a participant in the liturgy. Receive this as an invitation to settle into the choir's offering of songs and prayers on your behalf, allowing the text and the music to wash over you. It can be a time of deep contemplation and renewal. You are heartily encouraged to take part in the singing of hymns and the reciting of the *Apostles' Creed*.

May you find this service of Evensong a time of refreshment and re-connection with our Creator as we come to the end of another Lord's Day.



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Choral Evensong

Prelude

Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells
1892-1983

Welcome and Announcements

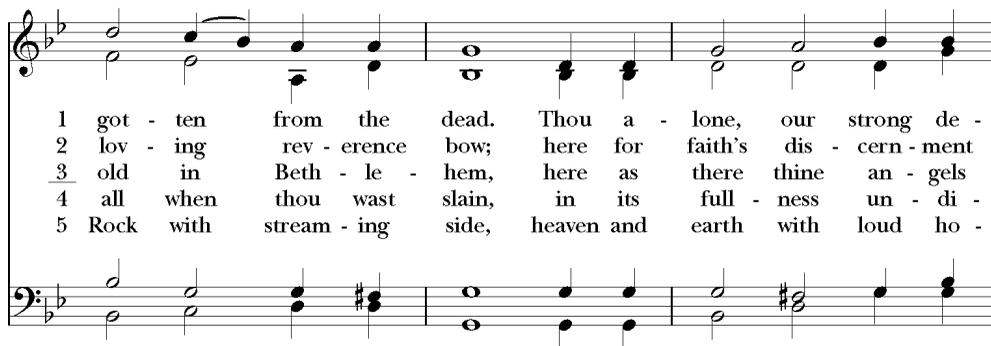
Hymn

“Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor”

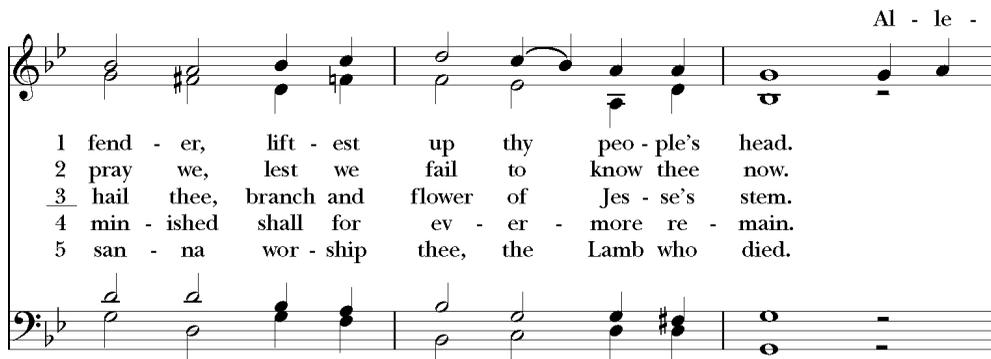
Bryn Calfarina



1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
*2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
*3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten



1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -



Al - le -
1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
2 Thou art here, we ask not
3 We in wor - ship join with
4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Words: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925), alt. Music: *Bryn Calfarfa*, melody William Owen (1813-1893); harm. *Christian Hymns*, 1977

Preces

Richard Ayleward
1626-1669

Cantor Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us.

Choir 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 Psalms Appointed

Psalm 114

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Psalm 115

- 1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.
- 2 Why should the heathen say, *
"Where then is their God?"
- 3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

- 5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;
they make no sound with their throat.
- 6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk; *
- 8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.
- 9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; *
he is their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;
- 13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, *
both small and great together.
- 14 May the LORD increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.
- 15 May you be blessed by the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 16 The heaven of heavens is the LORD'S, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.
- 17 The dead do not praise the LORD, *
nor all those who go down into silence;
- 18 But we will bless the LORD, *
from this time forth for evermore.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

Old Testament *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

Now this is the commandment - the statutes and the ordinances - that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Here ends the lesson.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat Luke 1:46-55*

*Gloucester Service, Herbert Howells
1892-1983*

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.

New Testament *John 12:24-32*

Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say - ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

Here ends the lesson.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32*

*Gloucester Service, Herbert Howells
1892-1983*

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 congregation joins in reciting 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.**

Responses

Richard Ayleward
1626-1669

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

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

**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 them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from
evil. Amen.**

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake. **Amen.**

Anthems

O Magnum Mysterium

Francis Poulenc
1899-1963

O magnum mysterium et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum jacentem in praesepio.
Beata virgo, cujus viscera meruerunt portare Dominum Christum.

*O great mystery and wonderful sacrament,
that beasts should see the new-born Lord lying in a manger.
Blessed virgin, whose body was worthy to bear the Lord Christ.*

Words from the office of Matins on Christmas Day.

There Shall a Star
Alice Kocis, Soloist

Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847

When Jesus, our Lord, was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea;
behold, from the east to the city of Jerusalem there came wise men and said:
Say, where is he born, the king of Judea? For we have seen his star, and are come to adore him.

*There shall a star from Jacob come forth, and a scepter from Israel rise up.
And dash in pieces princes and nations.*

How brightly beams the morning star with sudden radiance from afar with light and comfort
glowing. Thy word, Jesus, inly feeds us, rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing.

The Blessing

May God the Creator,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who has delivered us from the dominion of sin and death,
give us a place with the saints in glory
in the reign of his beloved Son. **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill your lives
with joy and peace. **Amen.**

And may the God who created you, the God who loves you, and the God who promised to be
with you always, bless you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the
 *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the
 *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the
 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is
 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the
 4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of
 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

Postlude

Prelude in a-minor, BWV 542

J. S. Bach
1685-1750

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