

# Choral Evensong

*in Thanksgiving for the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools Association*

February 11, 2018 • 4:00 pm

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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Canticles: Herbert Brewer (1865 – 1928) — *Service in D* • Responses: Philip Moore (b. 1943)

*The people's responses are in bold.*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude and Fugue in D major, BWV 532*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685- 1750)

## INTROIT

*Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)

*The people stand.*

## HYMN • 137

*O wondrous type! O vision fair*

*Wareham*

## OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

## PRECES

*Cantor* O 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.  
*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

*The office candles are lighted as the choir sings.*

## PHOS HILARON

Andrew J. Walker (b. 1955)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed! Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*The people are seated.*

PSALMS 19, 46

*Sung by the choir*

Chant: Stephen Darlington (b. 1952); Martin Luther (1483-1546)

*For text of psalms, refer to the Book of Common Prayer page 606 and page 649.*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MAGNIFICAT

*Sung by the 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 Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (*Luke 1:47-55*)

## SECOND LESSON

*Read by Warner T. James III*

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sung by the 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 Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (*Luke 2:29-32*)

*The people stand.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Said by all*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## LESSER LITANY

*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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Said by 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.

## SUFFRAGES

*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.

## COLLECTS

*The cantor sings a series of prayers, each followed by a choral Amen.*

*Cantor* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Choir* Thanks be to God.

*The people are seated.*

## HOMILY

The Reverend Betsy C. Gonzalez

## AN OFFERING

*The people remain seated as an offering is received.*

## ANTHEM

*Sung by the choir**I was glad*

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. (*Psalms 122: 1-3, 6*)

*The people stand.*

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Eternal God, source of life and wisdom; you have brought us in safety to this new day. We thank you for gathering us together in fellowship for this Evensong of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools. Pour out your Spirit and bless all administrators, chaplains, teachers, staff, and students of the Mid-Atlantic Episcopal Schools. May each school be a center of sound learning and new discovery to foster the pursuit of knowledge and truth. Grant all teachers the gift of joy and insight and all students the gift of diligence and openness that they may grow in faith and wisdom. Be with us now for this time of worship and prayer and open our hearts and minds to your presence. All this we ask in your most holy Name. **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

*The officiant blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.*

#### HYMN • 135

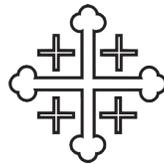
*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

*Salzburg*

#### ORGAN POSTLUDE

*Final, from Symphony III, Op. 28*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Eva Cavaleri, Senior Chaplain, National Cathedral School, *Officiant*  
The Reverend Betsy C. Gonzalez, Head Chaplain, Episcopal High School, *Homilist*  
Warner T. James III, Saint James School • John Avery Shivers, Christchurch School, *Readers*  
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Mr. George Fergus, *Organist*

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Church Farm School, Exton, PA • CFS Choir, Gary Gress, *Director*  
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