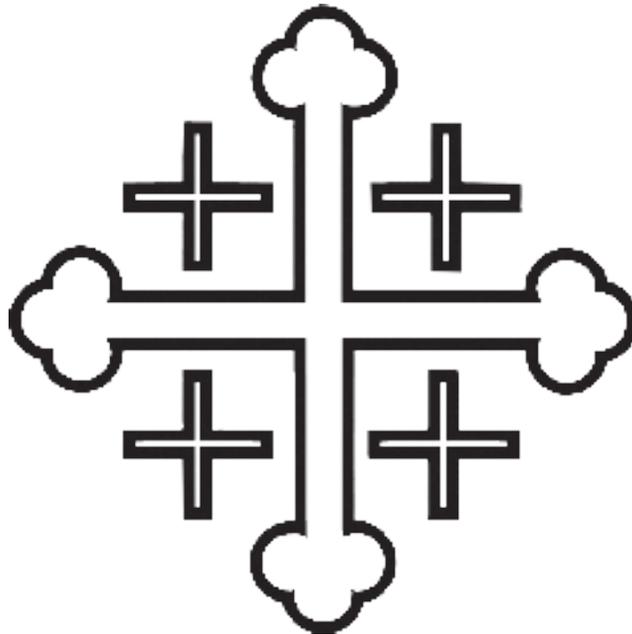


# CHORAL EVENSONG

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Thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff Aides

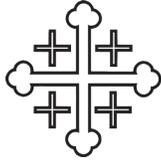


The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

4:00 PM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



## THE TRADITION OF CHORAL EVENSONG

Welcome to Washington National Cathedral. It is an ancient tradition for the people of God to offer praise and prayer as the day draws to a close. Choral Evensong is a service of sung evening prayer. The text of the service is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. The main purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in human history, and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sung psalms and canticles are interwoven with readings from the Old and New Testaments and the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and Lord's Prayer. Other prayers and hymns are drawn from the many centuries of the Christian Church. The congregation is invited to listen reflectively and prayerfully as the choir offers prayer and praise on their behalf. Many find this frees them to offer to God their own thoughts and prayers.

# Choral Evensong

*in* Thanksgiving for the Cathedral Staff Aides

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *St. Clement*

Gerre Hancock (1934–2012); trans. Stephen Buzard (b. 1989)

*The people stand as able as the procession enters.*

## HYMN • 24

*The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

*Sung by all.*

*St. Clement*

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness  
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PRECES

G. Hancock

*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 candles are lighted as the choir sings.*

### PHOS HILARON

Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

*The Phos hilaron is an ancient lamp-lighting hymn. Meaning "gladdening light" in Greek, it is among the earliest-known hymn texts recorded outside of the Bible that is still in use today.*

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.*

### PSALM • 114

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: George Mursell Garrett (1834–1897)

Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.  
The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.  
The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.  
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?  
You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?  
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,  
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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
but to your Name give glory;  
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

Why should the heathen say,  
“Where then is their God?”

Our God is in heaven;  
whatever he wills to do he does.

Their idols are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.

They have mouths, but they cannot speak;  
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

They have ears, but they cannot hear;  
noses, but they cannot smell;

They have hands, but they cannot feel;  
feet, but they cannot walk;

they make no sound with their throat.

Those who make them are like them,  
and so are all who put their trust in them.

O Israel, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord;  
he is their help and their shield.

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;

He will bless those who fear the Lord,  
both small and great together.

May the Lord increase you more and more,  
you and your children after you.

May you be blessed by the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

The heaven of heavens is the Lord’s,  
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

The dead do not praise the Lord,  
nor all those who go down into silence;

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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

## MAGNIFICAT

*Sung by the choir.*

Evening Service in G, Op. 15,  
Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

*The Magnificat is the Blessed Virgin Mary's song of thanksgiving in response to the fact that she will bear the Son of God, fulfilling the promises of the Old Testament.*

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 1:46-55)*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

*Sung by the choir.*

Evening Service in G, Op. 15; F. Jackson

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 as able.*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

*Said by all, facing the high altar.*

*The Apostles' Creed grew from statements of belief made by early Christians at their baptism. The Church continues to confess this same faith in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**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.**

**THE LESSER LITANY**

G. Hancock

*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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

G. Hancock

*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

*The cantor sings a series of prayers, appointed for the day, each followed by a choral Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior 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 resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another thine abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The collects conclude with:*

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

*The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE CATHEDRAL STAFF AIDES

## THE OFFERING

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## ANTHEM

*Sing We Merrily unto God Our Strength*

Sidney Campbell (1909–1974)

Sing we merrily unto God our strength; make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute.

Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

For this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. Aleluya.

*(Psalm 81:1-4)*

*The people stand as able. Additional prayers and petitions may be said at this point, concluding with A General Thanksgiving.*

## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Said by all.*

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

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

*O Day of Radiant Gladness*

*Sung by all.*

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

1 O day of ra - diant glad - ness, O day of joy and  
 2 This day at the cre - a - tion, the light first had its  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, his Ho - ly Scrip - ture  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, we walk the pil - grim

light, O balm of care and sad - ness, most  
 birth; this day for our sal - va - tion Christ  
 hear; his liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, through  
 way, at length our rest at - tain - ing, our

beau - ti - ful, most bright; this day the high and  
 rose from depths of earth; this day our Lord vic -  
 Bread and Wine made near. We jour - ney on, be -  
 end - less Sab - bath day. We sing to thee our

low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune, sing,  
to - rious the Spi - rit sent from heaven, and  
liev - ing, re - newed with heaven - ly might, from  
prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; the

“Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” to the great God Tri - une.  
thus this day most glo - rious a tri - ple light was given.  
grace more grace re - ceiv - ing on this blest day of light.  
Church her voice up - rais - es to thee, blest Three in One.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Celebration*

Robert Hebble (1934–2020)

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