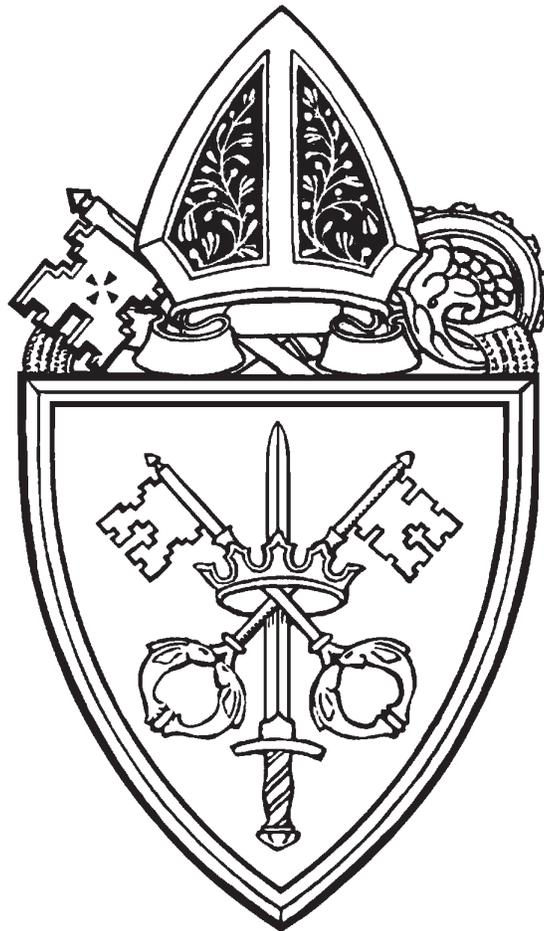


CHORAL EVENSONG

in

Thanksgiving for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary
of the Girls Cathedral Choir



May 8, 2022

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.



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The people's responses are in bold.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasia/Improvisation on "Christ ist erstanden" and "Christus vincit"

Haig Mardirosian (b. 1947)

The people stand as able as the procession enters.

HYMN • 34

Christ, Mighty Savior, Light of All Creation

Sung by all.

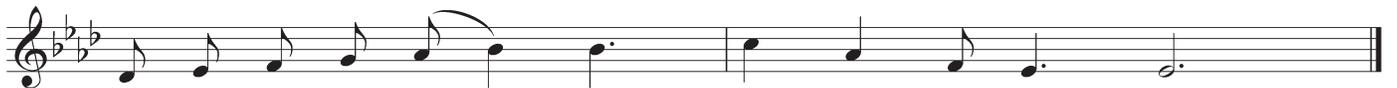
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1. Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
 2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
 5. Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1. day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
 2. day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
 3. chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
 4. grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
 5. rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1. glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
 2. choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 3. join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
 4. rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
 5. wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. *Psalms 100:1*

PRECES

Bernard Rose (1916–1996), First Set

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

Matthew Glandorf (b. 1972)

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 Gladsome light, O grace
 Of our Creator's face,
 The eternal splendor wearing;
 Celestial, holy, blest,
 Our Savior, Jesus Christ,
 Joyful in your appearing.
 As fades the day's last light,
 We see the lamps of night,
 Our common hymn outpouring;
 O God of might unknown,
 You, the incarnate Son,
 And Spirit, blest adoring.
 To you of right belongs
 All praise of holy songs,
 O Son of God, life-giver;
 You, therefore, O Most High,
 The world does glorify
 And shall exalt forever.

(3rd cent. Greek; paraphrase Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930)

The people are seated.

PSALM • 103

Sung by the choir.

chant: John Barnard (b. 1948)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits.
 He forgives all your sins
 and heals all your infirmities;
 He redeems your life from the grave
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
 He satisfies you with good things,
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
 and judgment for all who are oppressed.
 He made his ways known to Moses
 and his works to the children of Israel.
 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
 He will not always accuse us,
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
 As far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
 As a father cares for his children,
 so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
 For he himself knows whereof we are made;
 he remembers that we are but dust.
 Our days are like the grass;
 we flourish like a flower of the field;
 When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
 and its place shall know it no more.
 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him,
 and his righteousness on children's children;
 On those who keep his covenant
 and remember his commandments and do them.
 The Lord has set his throne in heaven,
 and his kingship has dominion over all.
 Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
 you mighty ones who do his bidding,
 and hearken to the voice of his word.
 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
 you ministers of his who do his will.
 Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
 in all places of his dominion;
 bless the Lord, O my soul.
 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

2 Chronicles 5:1-2, 13

Thus all the work that Solomon did for the house of the Lord was finished. Solomon brought in the things that his father David had dedicated, and stored the silver, the gold, and all the vessels in the treasuries of the house of God. Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the people of Israel, in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in G; Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

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

1 Corinthians 12:4-12

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in G; C. V. Stanford

The Nunc dimittis is the song of the aged Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. Upon taking the infant Jesus into his arms, Simeon utters these words of thanksgiving.

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

B. Rose

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

B. Rose

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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The collects conclude with:

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

The people are seated.

OFFERING

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ANTHEM

Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion

Sung by the choir.

Malcolm Boyle (1902–1976)

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion;
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer,
unto thee shall all flesh come.
Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and receivest unto thee:
he shall dwell in thy courts, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, e'en of thy holy temple.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.
Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
Let the people praise thee, O God;
yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase;
and God shall give us his blessing.

(from Psalm 65:1-2, 4; Isaiah 26:3-4; Psalm 67:3, 6-7)

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

THE 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

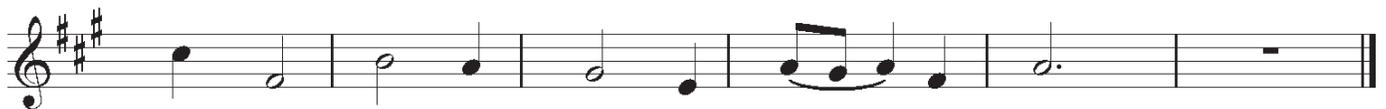
The officiant blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory**Sung by all.**Tomter*

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
 * 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



1 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 2 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 3 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 4 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 5 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



1 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Tomter*

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