



# Choral Evensong

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

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## 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.

*The people's responses are in bold.*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

J. William Greene (b. 1956)

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

1 Je - sus, all my glad - ness, my re - pose in sad - ness,  
 2 Hence with earth - ly trea - sure: thou art all my plea - sure,  
 3 Flee, dark clouds that low - er, for my joy be - stow - er,

Je - sus, heaven to me, ah, my heart long plain - eth, ah, my spi - rit  
 Je - sus, my de - sire! Hence, for pomps I care not, e'en as though they  
 Je - sus, en - ters in! Joy from tri - bu - la - tion, hope from des - o -

strain - eth, long - eth af - ter thee! Thine I am, O ho - ly Lamb;  
 were not rank and for - tune's hire. Want and gloom, cross, death and tomb;  
 la - tion, they who love God win. Be it blame or scorn or shame,

on - ly where thou art is plea - sure, thee a - lone I trea - sure.  
 nought that I may suf - fer ev - er shall from Je - sus sev - er.  
 thou art with me in earth's sad - ness, Je - sus, all my glad - ness!

## THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PRECES

Richard Shephard (1949–2021)

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;  
*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us;  
*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.  
*Officiant* 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.  
*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Choir* The Lord's Name be praised.

*The candles are lighted as the choir sings.*

### PHOS HILARON

Ronald Arnatt (1930–2018)

*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.*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.  
I will glory in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.  
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;  
let us exalt his Name together.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.  
Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.  
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.  
The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!  
Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,  
for those who fear him lack nothing.  
The young lions lack and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.  
Come, children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who among you loves life  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?  
Keep your tongue from evil-speaking  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.  
The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.  
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them from all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.  
Many are the troubles of the righteous,  
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.  
He will keep safe all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.  
Evil shall slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,  
and none will be punished who trust in him.  
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 Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. Six years you shall sow your field, and six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound laborers who live with you; for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food. You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces. In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbor or buy from your neighbor, you shall not cheat one another. When you buy from your neighbor, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop years. If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

## MAGNIFICAT

*Gloucester Service; Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

*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

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

Gloucester Service; H. Howells

*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

R. Shephard

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant* 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

R. Shephard

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

## THE COLLECTS

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

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through 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:*

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

*The people are seated.*

## OFFERING

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## ANTHEM

*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

*Sung by the choir.*

Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

The heavens are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,  
*My God and King.*

*(George Herbert, 1593–1633)*

*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.*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

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

*All My Hope on God is Founded**Sung by all.**Michael*

1. All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my trust re - new,
2. Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust;
3. God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom pass - ing thought:
4. Dai - ly doth the al - might - y Giv - er boun - teous gifts on us be - stow;
5. Still from earth to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,



1. me through change and chance he guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true.
2. though with care and toil we build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust.
3. splen - dor, light, and life at - tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought.
4. his de - sire our soul de - light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go.
5. high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the gift of Christ, his Son.



1. God un - known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2. But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3. Ev - er - more from his store new - born worlds rise and a - dore.
4. Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his com - mand.
5. Christ doth call one and all: ye who fol - low shall not fall.

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Praeludium" from *Suite circulaire*, Op. 1289

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

**PARTICIPANTS** Officiant: The Reverend Patrick L. Keyser, Priest Associate; Musicians: The Girls Cathedral Choir, Michael McCarthy, Canon for Music and Director of Institutional Planning, Thomas M. Sheehan, Organist and Associate Director of Music.

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