



# Choral Evensong

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

*The people's responses are in bold.*

### ORGAN VOLUNTARY

"Berceuse" from *Suite Acadiana*

Édith Beaulieu (b. 1961)

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

### HYMN • 385

*Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works*

*Sung by all.*

*Lacquiparle*

1. Man - y and great, O God, are thy works, ma - ker of earth and sky; thy hands have set the  
 2. Grant un-to us com mun - ion with thee, thou star-a - bid - ing one; come un - to us and  
 hea - vens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains.  
 dwell with us; with thee are found the gifts of life.  
 Lo, at thy word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey thy voice.  
 Bless us with life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

## THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

### PRECES

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

*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

Douglas Major (b. 1953)

*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 • III

*Sung by the choir.*

chant: Richard Woodward (ca. 1743–1777)

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord!

they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor,  
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
his praise endures for ever.

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.

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the lesson.

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

## MAGNIFICAT

Evening Service in F major; Harold Darke (1888–1976)

*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)*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Here ends the lesson.

*The people remain seated as the choir sings.*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

Evening Service in F major; H. Darke

*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

G. Jackson

*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. Jackson

*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.*

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, at [cathedral.org/support](http://cathedral.org/support), or by texting the dollar amount you wish to give to 202-856-9005.*

## ANTHEM

*The Road Home*

*Sung by the choir.*

Anonymous American melody;  
arr. Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Tell me, where is the road  
I can call my own,  
That I left, that I lost  
So long ago?  
All these years I have wandered,  
Oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road  
That will lead me home?  
After wind, after rain,  
When the dark is done,  
As I wake from a dream  
In the gold of day,  
Through the air there's a calling  
From far away,  
There's a voice I can hear

That will lead me home.  
Rise up, follow me,  
Come away, is the call,  
With the love in your heart  
As the only song.  
There is no such beauty  
As where you belong,  
Rise up, follow me,  
I will lead you home.  
*(Michael Dennis Browne, b. 1940)*

*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.*

HYMN • 371

*Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

*Sung by all.*

*Moscow*

1. Thou, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard,  
 2. Thou who didst come to bring on thy re - deem - ing wing  
 3. Spi - rit of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly Dove,  
 4. Ho - ly and bless - ed Three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and, where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick - in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth thy flight! Move on the wa - ters' face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might; bound - less as o - cean tide, roll - ing in

Gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light!  
 in - ly blind, now to all hu - man - kind, let there be light!  
 gifts of grace, and, in earth's dark - est place, let there be light!  
 full - est pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Lucis creator*

Dorothy J. Papdakos (b. 1960)



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