



Choral Evensong

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King

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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

Prelude and Fugue in C-sharp major

Howard Skempton (b. 1947)

The people stand as able as the procession enters.

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed**Sung by all.**Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

1. Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son! Hail, in the time ap -
 2. He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong, to help the poor and
 3. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth, and love, joy, hope, like
 4. Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring; all na - tions shall a -
 5. O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest; from age to age more

1. point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, to
 2. need - y, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sigh - ing, their
 3. flow - ers, spring in his path to birth: be - fore him on the moun - tains shall
 4. adore him, his praise all peo - ple sing; to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and
 5. glo - rious, all bless - ing and all blest: the tide of time shall nev - er his

1. set the cap - tive free; to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2. dark - ness turn to light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3. peace, the her - ald, go; and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4. dai - ly vows a - scend; his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5. cov - e - nant re - move; his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

THE OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
2 Corinthians 5:17

Seeing that we have a great High Priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto
 the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

PRECES

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

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

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.

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.
They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.
All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;
That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.
The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and 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.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will arouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour and tread down the slingers; they shall drink their blood like wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar. On that day the Lord their God will save them for they are the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

Here ends the reading.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

MAGNIFICAT

“St. Paul’s” Evening 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)

When Jesus and the disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

Here ends the reading.

The people remain seated as the choir sings.

NUNC DIMITTIS

"St. Paul's" Evening 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

G. Jackson

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

G. Jackson

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; 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 and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; 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.

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ANTHEM

Bring Us, O Lord God *Sung by the choir.* William Henry Harris (1883–1973)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling but one equal light, no noise nor silence, but one equal music, no fears nor hopes but one equal possession, no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitation of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

(From A Sermon Preached at White-hall, February 29, 1628; John Donne, 1572–1631)

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 • 544

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Sung by all.

Duke Street

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e're the sun doth his suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
 2. To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es throng to crown his head;
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with sweet - est song;
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e're he reigns: the pris - on - ers leap to lose their chains,
 5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar hon - ors to our King;

1. his king - dom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2. his Name like sweet per - fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3. and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4. the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5. an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Alla Breve in D major, BWV 589

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 8:00 AM (St. Mary's Chapel) • 11:15 AM (nave + live webcast)
Advent Lessons and Carols • 4:00 PM (nave + live webcast)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Handel's *Messiah* • 7:00 PM (nave) **tickets required**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Handel's *Messiah* - Family Concert • NOON (nave) **tickets required**
Handel's *Messiah* • 4:00 PM (nave) **tickets required**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 8:00 AM (St. Mary's Chapel) • 11:15 AM (nave + live webcast)
Handel's *Messiah* • 4:00 PM (nave + live webcast) **tickets required**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 8:00 AM (St. Mary's Chapel) • 11:15 AM (nave + live webcast)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Blue Christmas Service • 7:00 PM (Great Choir + live webcast)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Gospel Christmas • 6:00 PM (nave + live webcast) **passes required**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 8:00 AM (St. Mary's Chapel) • 11:15 AM (nave + live webcast)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Family Christmas Service • 11:00 AM (nave + live webcast) **passes required**
Christmas Lessons and Carols • 6:00 PM (nave + live webcast) **passes required**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Lessons and Carols • 6:00 PM (nave + live webcast) **passes required**
Festival Holy Eucharist of Christmas Eve • 10:00 PM (nave + live webcast) **passes required**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Festival Holy Eucharist of Christmas Day • 11:15 AM (nave + live webcast)
Christmas Day Organ Recital • 1:30 PM (nave + live webcast)

Christmas services passes are available at: Cathedral.org/Christmas

PARTICIPANTS Officiant: The Reverend Spencer W. Brown, Priest Associate; Musicians: The Girls Cathedral Choir, Thomas M. Sheehan, Organist and Interim Director of Music, Julie DeBoer, Chorister Program Director and Associate Director of Music, Matthew Glandorf, Cantor, St. Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bremen, Germany.

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