

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2300 BANCROFT WAY
BERKELEY, CALIF.

Second Sunday Choral Evensong

November 14, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Welcome to St. Mark's!

Evensong is one of the oldest and most uniquely “Anglican” services in our tradition, dating back to 1549 and the first Book of Common Prayer compiled by Thomas Cranmer. To create Evensong, Cranmer drew from sources as ancient as the sixth century Rule of St. Benedict, which had governed life in monasteries throughout England and Europe for nearly a thousand years, and from even older psalms, songs, and prayers from both Testaments of the Bible itself. Evensong’s richly woven tapestry of sacred Scripture, religious wisdom, and spiritual insight, together with its morning-time twin, Matins, have formed the foundation of Anglican prayer and spirituality for nearly five hundred years. When set to music, these prayers are invested with an extra element of beauty that heightens all our senses and lifts us all the more readily into the presence of God: where we meet the One who died for us and rose again, and who holds the whole world — and our own souls — in his loving embrace.

The readings for Evensong (as for Matins) are on a daily, two-year cycle designed so that most of the Bible can be read in church on a regular basis. One of the things this means is that the readings can be more obscure than the ones we normally hear at the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. Just remember that with any kind of prayer, and especially with Evensong, we are always stepping into a stream that is already flowing. If you hear something jarring or confusing, let it be an invitation to pick up the Bible yourself, to discuss it with a friend, or to offer the matter to God in prayer, so that you, too, might be part of the current. Our tradition is full of dissonances and harmonies that do not find their final resolution until the culmination of all things, when love unseats death as the arbiter of history and meaning, and every tear is wiped from every eye. In the meantime there are always more questions to be asked, more forgiveness to offer and receive, and further depths to be plumbed in God and in one another, as by prayer we join the Holy Spirit’s work of stitching more tightly together the fabric of the world.

¶All stand as the procession enters

Voluntary

Invitatory and Psalter

¶Sung by the Officiant and the Choir

Philip Radcliffe

O Lord, open Thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son;
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.*

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 46

¶Sung by the Choir

¶All sit

- 1 God is our hope and strength*
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved*
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea.
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell*
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God*
the holy place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed*
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved*
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us*
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord*
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world*

he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 Be still then, and know that I am God*
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be exalted in the earth.
11 The Lord of hosts is with us*
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Gloria Patri.*

First Lesson

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12—2:1

THE ORACLE THAT THE PROPHET HABAKKUK SAW. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. Are you not from of old, O Lord my God, my Holy One? You^[b] shall not die. O Lord, you have marked them for judgment; and you, O Rock, have established them for punishment. Your eyes are too pure to behold evil, and you cannot look on wrongdoing; why do you look on the treacherous, and are silent when the wicked swallow those more righteous than they? You have made people like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. The enemy brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net, he gathers them in his seine; so he rejoices and exults. Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his seine; for by them his portion is lavish, and his food is rich. Is he then to keep on emptying his net, and destroying nations without mercy? I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Magnificat

Harold Fridell

*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 Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

- Luke 1:46-55

Second Lesson

Philippians 3:10—4:1

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but

I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained. Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Nunc dimittis

*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 Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

- Luke 2:29-32

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church;
The communion of Saints, The Forgiveness of sins,
The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.
Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.
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 them that 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.

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, save the State.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant: O Lord, save thy people,
And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

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.*

The Second Collect

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsel, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

The Third Collect

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.*

Anthem

Earth Song

Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

Sing, Be, Live, See...

This dark stormy hour, the wind it stirs.
The scorched earth cries out in vain:

O war and power, you blind and blur.
The torn heart cries out in pain.

But music and singing have been my refuge,
and music and singing shall be my light.

A light of song shining strong: Alleluia!
Through darkness, pain and strife, I'll
Sing, Be, Live, See...

Peace.

Intercessions

¶ *All kneel or stand*

All: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

Hymn 662

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

Choir: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

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