

Second Sunday Evensong
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Anniversary of the Dedication
October 11th, 2020; 3:00 p.m. – via Zoom



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.

Invitatory and Psalter

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 132

- 1 Lord, remember David *
and all his trouble;
- 2 How he swore unto the Lord *
and vowed a vow unto the Almighty God of Jacob;
- 3 I will not come within the tabernacle of mine house *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not suffer mine eyes to sleep, nor mine eye-lids to slumber *
neither the temples of my head to take any rest;
- 5 Until I find out a place for the temple of the Lord *
an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
- 6 Lo, we heard of the same at Ephrata *
and found it in the wood.
- 7 We will go into his tabernacle *
and fall low on our knees before his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into thy resting-place *
thou, and the ark of thy strength.
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness *
and let thy saints sing with joyfulness.

- 10 For thy servant David's sake *
 turn not away the presence of thine Anointed.
- 11 The Lord hath made a faithful oath unto David *
 and he shall not shrink from it;
- 12 Of the fruit of thy body *
 shall I set upon thy seat.
- 13 If thy children will keep my covenant, and my testimonies that I shall learn them *
 their children also shall sit upon thy seat for evermore.
- 14 For the Lord hath chosen Sion to be an habitation for himself *
 he hath longed for her.
- 15 This shall be my rest for ever *
 here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein.
- 16 I will bless her victuals with increase *
 and will satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will deck her priests with health *
 and her saints shall rejoice and sing.
- 18 There shall I make the horn of David to flourish *
 I have ordained a lantern for mine Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I shall clothe them with shame *
 but upon himself shall his crown flourish.

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.

First Lesson 1 Kings 8:54-62

⁵⁴Now when Solomon finished offering all this prayer and this plea to the Lord, he arose from facing the altar of the Lord, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven; ⁵⁵he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice: ⁵⁶"Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, ⁵⁸but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our ancestors. ⁵⁹Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires; ⁶⁰so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. ⁶¹Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day." ⁶²Then the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the Lord.

Magnificat

*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 Hebrews 10:19-25

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 in 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. 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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 out 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.*

Reading

Henry Ramsden Bramley

O Thou, the central orb
 O Thou, the central orb of righteous love,
 Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
 Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright
 Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
 Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move,
 As stars about thy throne, set in the height
 Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight
 Gives measured grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
 Our nature all shall feel eternal day
 In fellowship with thee, transforming day
 To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Intercessions

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.

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

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

You are cordially invited to attend the next concert in the Second Sunday Evensong/Organ Recital Series at St. Mark's, Berkeley, TODAY. The recital will be offered by Edward J. Tipton. It will begin at 4:00PM via Livestream on our Facebook page and our website.

There will also be a reception via Zoom, following the organ recital.

To attend the Organ Recital, visit:

Watch via Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksberkeley/> OR visit our <https://stmarksberkeley.org/livestreamedservices/> in real time or save it.

To attend the Reception, visit:

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