

**Second Sunday Evensong**  
The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8th, 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.

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**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 34**

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord \*  
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me \*  
and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me \*  
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened \*  
and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him \*  
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him \*  
and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is \*  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints \*  
for they that fear him lack nothing.

- 10 The lions do lack, and suffer hunger \*  
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 11 Come, ye children, and hearken unto me \*  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 What man is he that lusteth to live \*  
and would fain see good days?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil \*  
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
- 14 Eschew evil, and do good \*  
seek peace, and ensue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous \*  
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
- 16 The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil \*  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them \*  
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart \*  
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
- 19 Great are the troubles of the righteous \*  
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones \*  
so that not one of them is broken.
- 21 But misfortune shall slay the ungodly \*  
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
- 22 The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants \*  
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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 Corinthians 14:1-12

Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church. Now I would like all of you to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. One who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. Now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you in some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? It is the same way with lifeless instruments that produce sound, such as the flute or the harp. If they do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is being played? And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? So with yourselves; if in a tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is being said? For you will be speaking into the air. There are doubtless many different kinds of sounds in the world, and nothing is without sound. If then I do not know the meaning of a sound, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church.

**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** Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

## **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.*



*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 Laurent Jochum. It will begin at 4:00PM via Livestream on our Facebook page and our website. There will be a ZOOM reception that will follow the organ recital, approximately at 5:15 p.m.*

**To attend the Organ Recital, visit:**

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