



# SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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## CHORAL EVENSONG

Sung by the Royal School of Church Music  
Washington, D.C., Summer Choral Residency Choir  
July 10, 2025

# SETTINGS FOR THIS EVENING

*Preces and Responses by Maxine Thévenot (b. 1969)*  
*Canticles—St. Paul's Service by Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

## VOLUNTARY

Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

*Please stand as the procession enters and remain standing for the introit and hymn.*

## INTROIT

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949–2014)

Even before we call on your name  
 to ask you, O God,  
 when we seek for the words to glorify you,  
 you hear our prayer;  
 unceasing love, O unceasing love,  
 surpassing all we know.  
 Glory to the Father,  
 and to the Son,  
 and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in,  
 we breathe your name,  
 and through all the days that follow so fast,  
 we trust in you;  
 endless your grace, O endless your grace,  
 beyond all mortal dream.  
 Both now and forever,  
 and unto ages and ages. Amen.

—Michael Dennis Browne (b. 1940)

## HYMN 420

When in our music God is glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! \_\_\_\_\_

1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! \_\_\_\_\_

1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways \_\_\_\_\_

1-4 Final Ending  
 — Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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## WELCOME

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

*Please remain standing.*

Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun.

You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. —*Psalm 74:15, 16*

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. —*Psalm 16:7, 8*

## THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew 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 Ghost.

*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.

## PSALM 18:21-50

*Please be seated.*

William Jacobs (1796–1872)

Herbert Brewer (1865–1928)

Ivor Atkins (1869–1953)

Because I have kept the ways of the Lord \*

and have not forsaken my God, as the wicked doth.

For I have an eye unto all his laws \*

and will not cast out his commandments from me.

I was also uncorrupt before him \*

and eschewed mine own wickedness.

Therefore shall the Lord reward me after my righteous dealing \*

and according unto the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

With the holy thou shalt be holy \*

and with a perfect man thou shalt be perfect.

With the clean thou shalt be clean \*

and with the froward thou shalt learn frowardness.

For thou shalt save the people that are in adversity \*

and shalt bring down the high looks of the proud.

Thou also shalt light my candle \*

the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

For in thee I shall discomfit an host of men \*

and with the help of my God I shall leap over the wall.

The way of God is an undefiled way \*

the word of the Lord also is tried in the fire;

he is the defender of all them that put their trust in him.

For who is God, but the Lord \*  
 or who hath any strength, except our God?  
 It is God, that girdeth me with strength of war \*  
 and maketh my way perfect.  
 He maketh my feet like harts' feet \*  
 and setteth me up on high.  
 He teacheth mine hands to fight \*  
 and mine arms shall break even a bow of steel.  
 Thou hast given me the defence of thy salvation \*  
 thy right hand also shall hold me up,  
 and thy loving correction shall make me great.  
 Thou shalt make room enough under me for to go \*  
 that my footsteps shall not slide.  
 I will follow upon mine enemies, and overtake them \*  
 neither will I turn again till I have destroyed them.  
 I will smite them, that they shall not be able to stand \*  
 but fall under my feet.  
 Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle \*  
 thou shalt throw down mine enemies under me.  
 Thou hast made mine enemies also to turn their backs upon me \*  
 and I shall destroy them that hate me.  
 They shall cry, but there shall be none to help them \*  
 yea, even unto the Lord shall they cry, but he shall not hear them.  
 I will beat them as small as the dust before the wind \*  
 I will cast them out as the clay in the streets.  
 Thou shalt deliver me from the strivings of the people \*  
 and thou shalt make me the head of the heathen.  
 A people whom I have not known \*  
 shall serve me.  
 As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me \*  
 but the strange children shall dissemble with me.  
 The strange children shall fail \*  
 and be afraid out of their prisons.  
 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper \*  
 and praised be the God of my salvation.  
 Even the God that seeth that I be avenged \*  
 and subdueth the people unto me.  
 It is he that delivereth me from my cruel enemies,  
 and setteth me up above mine adversaries \*  
 thou shalt rid me from the wicked man.  
 For this cause will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the Gentiles \*  
 and sing praises unto thy Name.  
 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.

## THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:14–17:11

Now the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. And Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skilful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me." One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skilful in playing, a man of valour, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the LORD is with him." So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the sheep." Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armour-bearer. Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favour in my sight." And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle; they were gathered at Socoh, which belongs to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. Saul and the Israelites gathered and encamped in the valley of Elah, and formed ranks against the Philistines. The Philistines stood on the mountain on one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side, with a valley between them. And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armoured with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE MAGNIFICAT

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

## THE SECOND READING

Luke 24:36-53

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Sung by all on a monotone, standing as you are able.*

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 at 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.

*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

*Sung by all on a monotone.*

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. Amen.



## THE SUFFRAGES

*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

*Officiant* O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Choir* Amen.  
*Officiant* Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.  
*Choir* Amen.  
*Officiant* Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.  
*Choir* Amen.

## REMARKS

The Rev. Richard Towers

*Please be seated.*

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## THE ANTHEM

King of glory, King of peace

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892–1964)

*Sung by the choir.*

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;  
and that love may never cease, I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,  
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me;  
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee;  
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee.  
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:  
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

—George Herbert (1593–1633)

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Said by all, standing as you are able.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all people.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Choir* Thanks be to God.

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

*People* **Amen.**

# HYMN 24 *Sung by all.*

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended, the dark - ness  
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893). Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904).

## VOLUNTARY

Wir glauben all an einen Gott, BWV 680

J.S. Bach

## ASSISTING AT THIS SERVICE

The Rev. Robert W. Fisher, *Rector*  
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### *The choir includes members from the following churches and schools*

All Saints Episcopal Church, Frederick MD  
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Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern NC  
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## WELCOME!

**At St. John's Church, we believe** Christ is calling us to be a renewed church in a changing world. Empowered by the Spirit of God, we respond to Jesus' call as we deepen our bond with Christ through worship, become a community where all are accepted, and work together as laity and clergy to do God's work in the world.

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