

Choral Evensong

October 21, 2021

5:15 p.m.

Welcome to St. John's Church! Whether you are a longtime member or a visitor, we are happy to welcome you this evening. If you would like to learn more about St. John's and our presence in this city, we invite you to fill out the pew card which can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Choral Evensong is offered on the third Thursday of each month from October through May. To see a schedule of upcoming services and events, please visit our website.

Steeped in the beauty of the Anglican tradition, Evensong meets us at the *even* point between the active day and the restful night. It draws upon the richness of monastic worship by inviting us to reflect upon scripture, to sing praises to God, and to pray. In its cadence, Evensong speaks to many of our deepest 21st century needs, providing space for peace and for contemplation. We hope that this service, in the midst of this busy city, refreshes and restores you this evening.

In accordance with guidelines set forth by the District of Columbia, all persons over the age of two are required to wear face masks while inside the church. Singers have been required to be fully vaccinated.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Preludio "Sine Nomine"

Herbert Howells
(1892–1983)

CHORAL INTROIT Let my love be heard

Jake Runestad
(b. 1986)

Angels, where you soar
Up to God's own light,
Take my own lost bird
On your hearts tonight;
And as grief once morez
Mounts to heaven and sings,
Let my love be heard
Whispering in your wings.

Text: Alfred Noyes (1880–1958)

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

HYMN 34

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation

Innisfree Farm



- 1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
- 2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
- 3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
- 4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
- 5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



- 1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
- 2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
- 3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
- 4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
- 5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



- 1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
- 2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
- 3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
- 4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
- 5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

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THE OPENING SENTENCES

Remain standing.

THE PRECES

Bernard Rose
(1916–1996)

- 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 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.

Please be seated.

PSALM 37:19–42 *Novit Dominus*

Chants: Herbert Howells
Jonathan Battishill (1738–1801)

- 19 The Lord knoweth the days of the godly:
and their inheritance shall endure for ever.
- 20 They shall not be confounded in the perilous time:
and in the days of dearth they shall have enough.
- 21 As for the ungodly, they shall perish;
and the enemies of the Lord shall consume as the fat of lambs:
yea, even as the smoke shall they consume away.
- 22 The ungodly borroweth, and payeth not again:
but the righteous is merciful and liberal.
- 23 Such as are blessed of God shall possess the land:
and they that are cursed of him shall be rooted out.
- 24 The Lord ordereth a good man's going:
and maketh his way acceptable to himself.
- 25 Though he fall, he shall not be cast away:
for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.
- 26 I have been young, and now am old:
and yet saw I never the righteous forsaken,
nor his seed begging their bread.
- 27 The righteous is ever merciful, and lendeth:
and his seed is blessed.
- 28 Flee from evil, and do the thing that is good:
and dwell for evermore.
- 29 For the Lord loveth the thing that is right:
he forsaketh not his that be godly, but they are preserved for ever.
- 30 The unrighteous shall be punished:
as for the seed of the ungodly, it shall be rooted out.
- 31 The righteous shall inherit the land:
and dwell therein for ever.
- 32 The mouth of the righteous is exercised in wisdom:
and his tongue will be talking of judgement.
- 33 The law of his God is in his heart:
and his goings shall not slide.
- 34 The ungodly seeth the righteous:
and seeketh occasion to slay him.

- 35 The Lord will not leave him in his hand:
nor condemn him when he is judged.
- 36 Hope thou in the Lord, and keep his way,
and he shall promote thee, that thou shalt possess the land:
when the ungodly shall perish, thou shalt see it.
- 37 I myself have seen the ungodly in great power:
and flourishing like a green bay-tree.
- 38 I went by, and lo, he was gone:
I sought him, but his place could no where be found.
- 39 Keep innocency, and take heed unto the thing that is right:
for that shall bring a man peace at the last.
- 40 As for the transgressors, they shall perish together:
and the end of the ungodly is, they shall be rooted out at the last.
- 41 But the salvation of the righteous cometh of the Lord:
who is also their strength in the time of trouble.
- 42 And the Lord shall stand by them, and save them:
he shall deliver them from the ungodly,
and shall save them, because they put their trust in him.

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 LESSON

Ezra 1:1–11

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, in order that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia so that he sent a herald throughout all his kingdom, and also in a written edict declared:

‘Thus says King Cyrus of Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem in Judah. Any of those among you who are of his people—may their God be with them!—are now permitted to go up to Jerusalem in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem; and let all survivors, in whatever place they reside, be assisted by the people of their place with silver and gold, with goods and with animals, besides freewill-offerings for the house of God in Jerusalem.’

The heads of the families of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites—everyone whose spirit God had stirred—got ready to go up and rebuild the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. All their neighbors aided them with silver vessels, with gold, with goods, with

animals, and with valuable gifts, besides all that was freely offered. King Cyrus himself brought out the vessels of the house of the LORD that Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and placed in the house of his gods. King Cyrus of Persia had them released into the charge of Mithredath the treasurer, who counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. And this was the inventory: gold basins, thirty; silver basins, one thousand; knives, twenty-nine; gold bowls, thirty; other silver bowls, four hundred and ten; other vessels, one thousand; the total of the gold and silver vessels was five thousand four hundred. All these Sheshbazzar brought up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylonia to Jerusalem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE MAGNIFICAT from *Evening Service in B minor*

Thomas Tertius Noble
(1867–1953)

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.

Text: Luke 1:46–55

When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ‘Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smouldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope.’

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS from *Evening Service in B minor*

Thomas Tertius Noble

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.

Text: Luke 2:29–32

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Said by all.*

**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 PRAYERS

Bernard Rose

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

Choir 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 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.

Officiant Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated.

REMARKS

An offering to support the ministry of St. John's Church will be collected during the singing of the following anthem.

THE ANTHEM

Evening Hymn

Balfour Gardiner
(1877–1950)

*Te lucis ante terminum,
Rerum Creator poscimus,
Ut pro tua clementia
Sis præsul et custodia.
Procul recedant somnia,
Et noctium phantasmata;
Hostemque nostrum comprime,
Ne polluantur corpora.
Præsta, Pater piissime,
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito
Regnans per omne sæculum.*

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favor thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now
From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and fantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.
O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

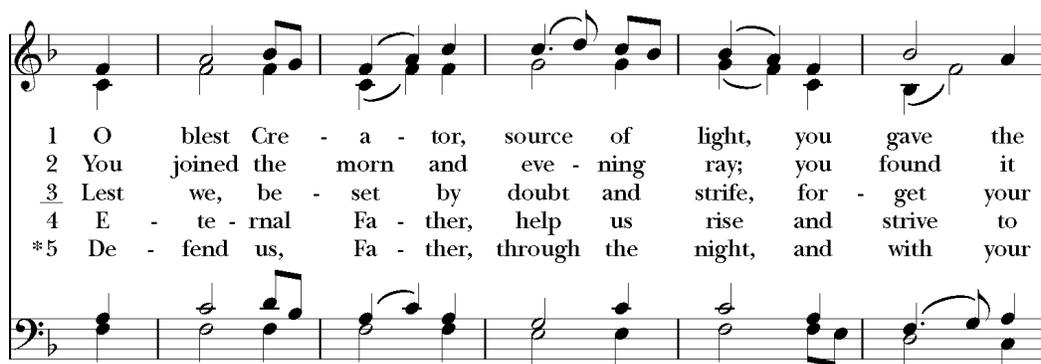
Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

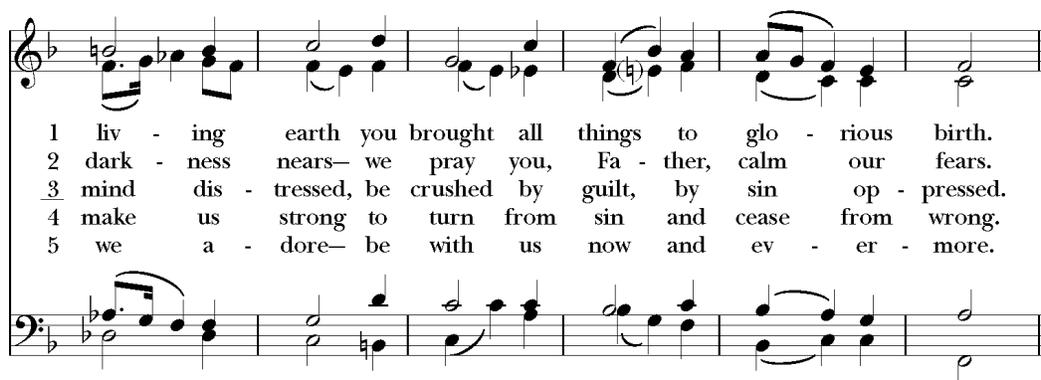
Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***



1 O blest Cre - a - tor, source of light, you gave the
 2 You joined the morn and eve - ning ray; you found it
 3 Lest we, be - set by doubt and strife, for - get your
 4 E - te - rnal Fa - ther, help us rise and strive to
 *5 De - fend us, Fa - ther, through the night, and with your



1 day with splen - dor bright, when on the new and
 2 good and called it 'day.' But now the threat - ening
 3 bless - ed gift of life, and an - guished and in
 4 gain the heaven - ly prize; for you a - lone can
 5 Son, and Spi - rit bright— the Tri - ni - ty whom



1 liv - ing earth you brought all things to glo - rious birth.
 2 dark - ness nears— we pray you, Fa - ther, calm our fears.
 3 mind dis - tressed, be crushed by guilt, by sin op - pressed.
 4 make us strong to turn from sin and cease from wrong.
 5 we a - dore— be with us now and ev - er - more.

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 Music: *Bromley*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

VOLUNTARY

Psalm Prelude Set 2, No. 2

Herbert Howells

“Yea, the darkness is no darkness with thee,
 but the night is as clear as the day:
 the darkness and light to thee are both alike.”

— *Psalm 139:11–12*

Please join us for upcoming programs at St. John's.

THE SPEAKER SERIES will be held in person on the following Sundays from 10:05 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Following each talk, there will be an opportunity for Q&A. An audio recording will be available on the Speaker Series page of our website.

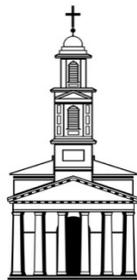
- October 24: Dr. Rebecca Carter-Chand, Director of the Programs on Ethics, Religion, and the Holocaust at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will speak on *Religion and the Holocaust*.
- November 21: David Silverman, Professor at The George Washington University, will speak on *The "Real" Story of Thanksgiving*. Dr. Silverman specializes in American Native, Colonial, and racial history.
- December 12: Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian and former Director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. As Secretary, he oversees 19 museums, 21 libraries, the National Zoo, numerous research centers, and several education units and centers.

A REQUIEM FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY will take place at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 7th. The Saint John's Choir will be joined by chamber orchestra and organ in Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, Op. 9. All are invited to remember loved ones who have died in the past year by submitting names for publication in the All Saints' bulletin to rj.gravina@stjohns-dc.org by November 7th.

CHORAL EVENSONG will be sung next on Thursday, November 18 at 5:15 p.m. The service will include works by Judith Weir, Craig Phillips, and Herbert Howells.

MIDWEEK MUSIC resumes on Wednesday, November 3 with a performance by the Air Force Strings. Please join us to celebrate the return of our concert series and mark your calendars for upcoming performance. All programs begin at 12:10 p.m. and run for 35 minutes.

- November 3: The Air Force Strings perform Antonín Dvořák's Serenade for Strings in E major, Op. 22.
- December 1: The Navy Sea Chanters share music to capture winter's mystery, including Poulenc's "un soir de neige" and favorite carols.
- January 5: The Polyphonist, one of The District's most exciting new ensembles, make their debut appearance at St. John's.
- February 2: Organist Samantha Scheff presents a program of works by Louis Vierne, Nadia Boulanger, J.S. Bach, and John Knowels Paine.
- March 9: EYA is a prizewinning and pioneering ensemble specializing in the exploration of medieval music through a feminine lens.
- April 13: Mezzo-soprano Charlotte Stewart, is joined by Baroque Orchestra in a Holy Week performance of Antonio Vivaldi's wrenching Stabat Mater.
- May 4: Tenor Andrew Brown and pianist Brent Erstad perform music of Francis Poulenc and Jake Heggie's song cycle, *Friendly Persuasions: Homage to Poulenc*.
- June 1: Celtic Aire, the premier folk ensemble of the United States Air Force Band, performs a program of reels, jigs, and folk songs.



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