

# Evensong

Thursday 18 March 2010 • 5:15 pm

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Evensong is the most particularly Anglican service in all of Christian worship. Originating from the monastic hours, it consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline—the *Magnificat*, the canticle appointed for Vespers, the *Nunc dimittis* for Compline. The choir traditionally offers certain portions so that our devotions may be enhanced by music, while the congregation joins in the hymns, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. During the last century, Evensong as a service has emerged as a liturgy of rare and mystical beauty in which the Word is illuminated by music. It is sung regularly in many cathedrals and parish churches throughout the country, and daily in many places in England.

*The people stand as the procession enters.*

## Opening Sentence

### Confession

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*All may kneel.*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed  
from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things  
which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises  
declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live  
a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### Preces

○ Lord, open thou our lips.  
○ God, make speed to save us.

*Praise ye the Lord.*

*Sung by the officiant and choir.*

*And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
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.  
The Lord's name be praised.*

John Kelley

# Hymn 147

*Sung by all.*

Bourbon



1 Now let us all with \_\_\_\_\_ one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant so \_\_\_\_\_ long re - vealed to  
 3 Your love, O Lord, our \_\_\_\_\_ sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though \_\_\_\_\_ frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, for - give; so



com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil \_\_\_\_\_ with our \_\_\_\_\_  
 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his \_\_\_\_\_ own ex -  
 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of \_\_\_\_\_ mer - cy, \_\_\_\_\_  
 your own im - age were we made; help us, lest \_\_\_\_\_ in anx -  
 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with \_\_\_\_\_ you for \_\_\_\_\_



heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion \_\_\_\_\_ and his fast.  
 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in \_\_\_\_\_ love sub - lime.  
 turn your face and grant re - pen - tance \_\_\_\_\_ for our pride.  
 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to \_\_\_\_\_ be be - trayed.  
 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

text: att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. Praise the Lord, 1972, alt.; music: melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Forster (b. 1938)

## Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (BCP, p. 746)

*Sung by the choir, the people sit.*

chant: Christopher Putnam

## The Lessons

### Numbers 21:4-9

#### Magnificat

*Sung by the choir, the people stand.*

John Harper  
*The Washington Service*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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 1:45-55*

### John 3:14-21

*The people sit.*

#### Nunc dimittis

*Sung by the choir, the people stand.*

Harper

*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 *Said by all.*

**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 *Sung by the officiant and choir.*

Kelley

The Lord be with you.  
Let us pray.

*And with thy spirit.*

*The people may kneel or stand.*

*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.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Suffrages *Sung by the officiant and choir.*

Kelley

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
O Lord, save the State.  
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
O Lord, save thy people.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*And grant us thy salvation.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

## The Collects *Sung by the officiant.*

## Anthem *Sung by the choir, the people sit.* Bob Chillcott

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life* *John 3:16*

## Closing Prayers *The people may kneel or stand.*

# Hymn 458

*Sung by all, standing; an offering will be received.*

Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love  
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
 3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He  
 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a  
 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in  
 7 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine: nev -



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O  
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ\_\_\_ would know. But  
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to\_\_\_ their King. Then  
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind\_\_\_ their sight. Sweet  
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life\_\_\_ they slay. Yet  
 6 death no friend - ly tomb but what a stran - ger gave. What  
 7 er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief\_\_\_ like thine. This



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need, his life did spend.  
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.  
 5 stead-fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.  
 6 may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb where - in he lay.  
 7 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

text: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.; music: John Ireland (1879-1962)

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys under the direction of Benjamin Bachmann, Director of Music.

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## Upcoming Thursdays:

### April

#### 1 SOLEMN LITURGY OF MAUNDY THURSDAY (6 PM)

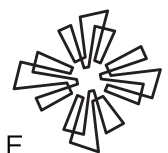
Please join us for the Solemn Liturgy of Maundy Thursday. Because of this special service, Evensong will not be sung on Maundy Thursday.

#### 8 EASTER WEEK EVENSONG IN THE CHAPEL OF GRACE (5:15 PM)

Please join us in the Chapel of Grace for a congregationally-sung Evensong, as our Choir of Men and Boys takes a well-deserved Easter week break.

#### 15 CHORAL EVENSONG IN THE CHAPEL OF GRACE (5:15 PM)

Evensong with the full choir resumes on April 15. For the next few months, Thursday Evensong will be sung in the Chapel of Grace as we undertake restoration work on the Alexander Organ and repair of the roofs over the organ chambers. The organ's playing mechanism and wind system will be refurbished, and missing or mismatched pipes will be replaced. To support this project, please call 415-749-6319 or email [rickf@gracecathedral.org](mailto:rickf@gracecathedral.org).



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