

# Evensong

THURSDAY IN THE NINTH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST • 10 AUGUST 2017 • 5:15 PM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral. Choral Evensong marks the end of the working day and prepares for the approaching night. The roots of this service come out of ancient monastic traditions of Christian prayer. Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 16th century, created this form as part of the simplification of services within the newly-reformed Church of England. The Episcopal Church, as part of the worldwide Anglican Communion, has inherited this pattern of evening prayer.

In this service we are invited to reflect on the business of the past day, to pray for the world and for ourselves, and to commend all into God's hands as words of Holy Scripture are said and sung. The beauty of the music is offered to help us set our lives in the light of eternity; the same light which dwelt among us in Jesus, and which now illuminates us by the Spirit. May this service be a blessing to you.

## VOLUNTARY

In nomine

Orlando Gibbons

The people stand as the procession enters.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

### OPENING SENTENCE

### PRECES

Thomas Tallis

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Choir And our mouth shall shew 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.

### HYMN 25

Sung by all.

The Eighth Tune



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O  
you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through  
blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

text: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. Of O Gracious Light; music: Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982

### PSALM 78: 23-29 (BCP, p. 696)

Sung by the choir, the people sit.

Tallis

## The Readings

EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

THE MAGNIFICAT

The people stand.

Tallis

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: "Dorian"

Choir 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 6:24-35

The people sit.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

The people stand.

Tallis

Choir Lord, now letteth 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

HOMILY

The people sit.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sung by all on a monotone, standing.

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

Tallis

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

Let us pray. *The people may kneel.*  
Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung on a monotone.*

All **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

Tallis

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
Choir And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save this Land.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

*Sung by officiant.*

## ANTHEM

Tallis

Choir If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.

John 14:15-17

## CLOSING PRAYERS

*The people may kneel.*

HYMN 489

Sung by all, standing as an offering is received.

Tallis' Ordinal

1 The great Cre - a - tor of the worlds, the sov - ereign God of heaven,  
 2 He sent no an - gel of his host to bear this might - y word,  
 3 He sent him not in wrath and power, but grace and peace to bring;  
 4 He sent him down as send - ing God; in flesh to us he came;  
 5 He came as Sa - vior to his own, the way of love he trod;

1 his ho - ly and im - mor - tal truth to all on earth hath given.  
 2 but him through whom the worlds were made, the ev - er - last - ing Lord.  
 3 in kind - ness, as a king might send his son, him - self a king.  
 4 as one with us he dwelt with us, and bore a hu - man name.  
 5 he came to win us by good will, for force is not of God.

6 Not to oppress, but summon all  
 their truest life to find,  
 in love God sent his Son to save,  
 not to condemn mankind.

ttxt: Epistle to Diognetus, ca. 150; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.; music: Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

**VOLUNTARY**

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## The Readings

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### EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

### JOHN 6:24-35

On the next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."