

The CATHEDRAL of **STPHILIP** SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Third Sunday of Easter: Year B

14 April 2024 Evensong № 4:00 P.M. The Holy Communion № 5:00 P.M.

The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler, Officiant & Preacher The Cathedral Schola

One of the jewels of the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is the English Reformation's fusion of the ancient evening prayer services of Vespers and Compline. "In quires and places where they sing" the service is customarily offered according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose texts for the canticles – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis – and most of the prayers (Latin, "Preces") were first published in 1549 and are translations from the still more ancient Latin and Sarum rites for the Daily Offices. Over nearly five centuries, Evensong has both inspired worshippers and moved composers to create one of the largest corpuses of sacred music in the English language, music that enlightens our experience of God at the Cathedral of St. Philip week by week.

The congregation sings the hymns and joins in silently as the choir offers music to God in praise and prayer on behalf of the world and the Church universal. Following the formal close of Evensong, an intimate "liturgy of the table" is offered at the high altar for those who wish to stay to receive Holy Communion.

All stand for The Procession

The Opening Sentences

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand as the Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Candles are lit as all sing the Office Hymn: 492

music: Finnian, Christopher Dearnley (1930-2000) words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.



setting: Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; * you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; * how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; * when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; * speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices * and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" * Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, * more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; * for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

1 John 3:1-7

Lector A Lesson from The First Letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for The 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.

All sit for

The Second Lesson

Luke 24:36b-48

Lector A Lesson from The Gospel of Luke.

Jesus stood among the disciples 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."

Lector Here ends the lesson.

All stand for

The Nunc Dimittis

music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983), Winchester Service words: Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32; & Gloria Patri

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. All sing

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

The Choir sings The Preces and Responses

- V. The Lord be with you.
- R. And with thy spirit.

All stand or kneel

- V. Let us pray.
- R. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in 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. Amen.
- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us:
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State:
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness:
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people:
- R. And bless thine inheritance.

setting: Stephen Caracciolo (b. 1962)

- V. Give peace in our time, O Lord:
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us:
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

A Collect

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All sit for

The Anthem after the Third Collect

music: Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951), I know that my Redeemer liveth words: Job 19:25-26; I Corinthians 15:20

I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that sleep. I know that my Redeemer liveth.

All stand to sing The Meditation Hymn: 205

music: Gelobt, sie Gott, Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616) words: Cyril A. Alington (1872-1955), alt; st. 5 Normal Mealy (1923-1987)



All sit for **The Meditation**

Dean Candler

The Offertory Sentence

Anthem at the Offering

music: Jean Lhéritier (c. 1480-c. 1552), Surrexit pastor bonus words: Easter Responsory

pro ovibus suis, alleluia. *Et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.* Christus. Alleluia.

Surrexit Pastor Bonus qui animam suam posuit The Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, has risen, alleluia.

And he did not disdain to die for his flock, alleluia. Et enim pascha nostrum immolatus est For truly was Christ the paschal lamb sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

All stand or kneel for The Intercessions

All stand or kneel to pray

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

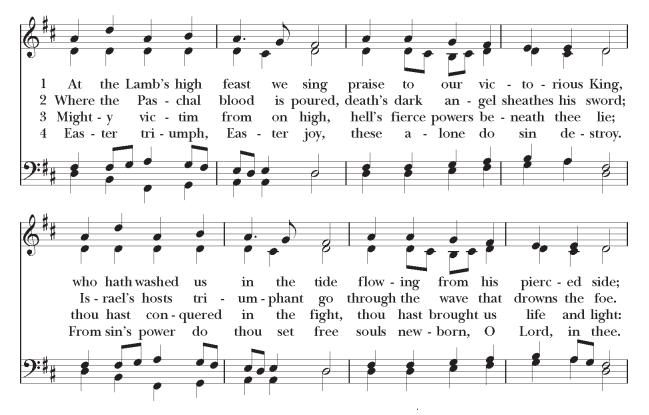
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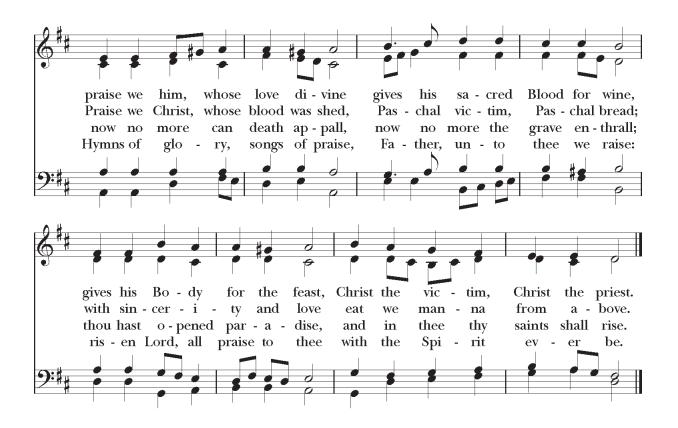
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All sit for The Parish Notices

All stand to sing

The Closing Hymn: 174 music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702), harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) words: Latin 1632; trans. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.





The Psalm in Procession: 150

Anglican chant: George S. Talbot (1875-1918) BCP, p. 807

- Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.
- Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.
- Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp.
- Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.
- Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- Let everything that has breath * praise the LORD. Hallelujah.
- 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.

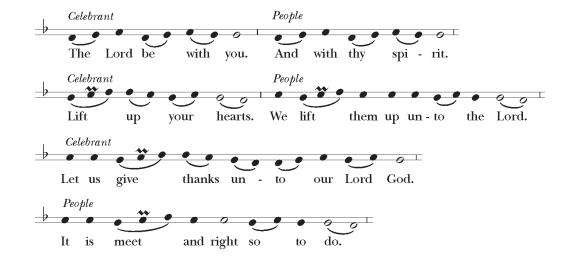
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Very Reverend Samuel G. Candler, Celebrant

The Great Thanksgiving

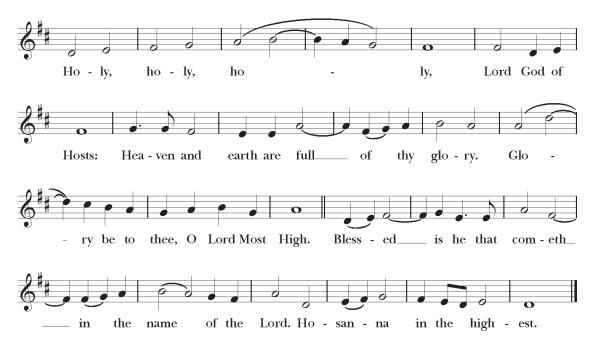
BCP, p. 340



The Sanctus: S 114

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Service music (indicated by "S" numbers) is found at the front of the Hymnal. After the Sanctus, all may kneel or stand.



The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread

CelebrantAlleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;AllTherefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. At the altar, stand or kneel and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest. If you need the priest to bring Communion to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, All we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

music: Truro, melody from Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872) alt. words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), rev.



The Dismissal

Celebrant All

rant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

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