

St. Paul's Cathedral

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Evensong


July 3, 2011 at five o'clock in the evening

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sung by The Gentlemen of the Choir

Officiant: The Very Rev. James Carroll

Lector: Bill Hardin



The Very Rev. Scott E. Richardson, *Dean*
The Rev. Canon Allisyn Thomas, *Sub-Dean*
Brooks Mason, *Canon Verger*
Martin Green, *Canon for Music, Organist and Choirmaster*
Braden McKinley, *Organ Scholar*

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you!

Kindly silence phones and other electronic devices.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

§ *Please stand at the tolling of the bell as choir and clergy enter in procession.*

OPENING SENTENCE

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

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.

OFFICE HYMN 31



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the
2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its
3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly
4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the
5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the
2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious
3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed
4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and
5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:
2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.
3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.
4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.
5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

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§ Please be seated.

PSALM 111 (choir) *Confitebor tibi* chant: Bobby McFerrin (b. 1950)

- 1 I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart, *
secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD are great, *
sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour, *
and his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done his marvellous works*
that they ought to be had in remembrance.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him; *
he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, *
that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; *
all his commandments are true.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
and are done in truth and equity.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people; *
he hath commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and reverend is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
a good understanding have all they that do thereafter;
his praise endureth for ever.

Gloria Patri

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 14:36-45

The first reading is taken from the Old Testament which declares that the history of Israel, and of the whole world, is guided by God.

§ *Please stand.*

MAGNIFICAT from *Canticles for Men's Voices* Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

The Magnificat is Mary's song of thanksgiving (Luke 1:46-55) as she responds to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Old Testament.

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 forever.
Gloria Patri.

§ *Please be seated.*

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:1-14

The second reading is taken from the New Testament which tells of the life and teaching of Jesus and the witness of the early church. It also shows the meaning of Christ for our life today.

§ *Please stand.*

NUNC DIMITTIS

from *Canticles for Men's Voices*

Sturk

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) who, before he dies, sees the Infant Jesus and holds him in his arms.

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.

Gloria Patri.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed grew from statements of belief made by the first Christians at their baptism. The church continues to confess its faith in the Holy Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Creed is monotoned or spoken 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.

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY *(choir)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung by the choir, or 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.

SUFFRAGES *(choir)*

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

The following collects, or others appointed, are sung by the Officiant.

THE COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O GOD, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE 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.

THE 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.

§ *Please be seated.*

During the anthem, an offering will be collected to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world.

AT THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

O Lord, hear my prayer
Matthew Locke (ca. 1621 –1677)

O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto thee. Turn not away thy face from me. In what day soever I am in tribulation, incline thine ear unto me; in what day soever I shall invoke thee, hear me speedily.

THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

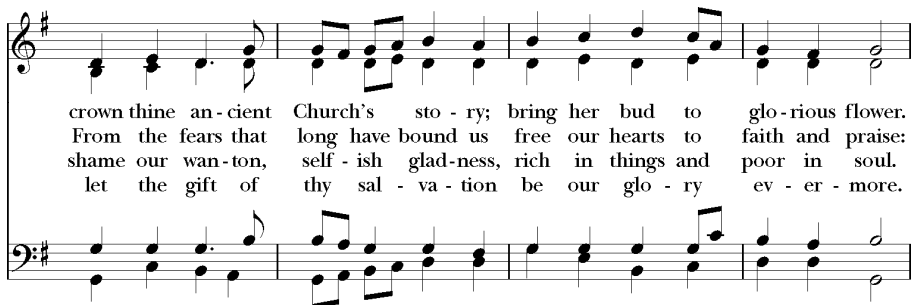
§ *Please stand or kneel for the Prayers, which end with the following Grace:*

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.**

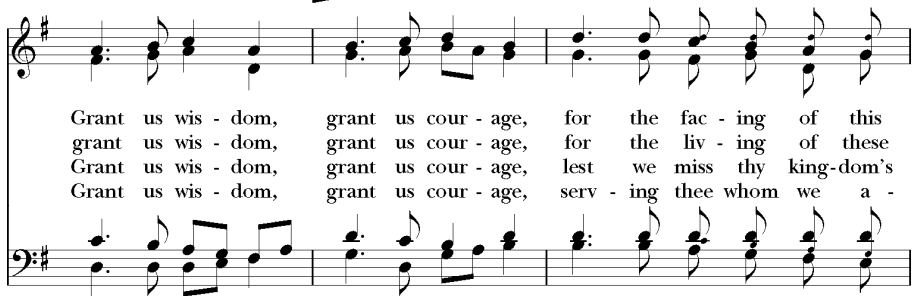
HYMN 594



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;



crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.



Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

THE DISMISSAL

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Please remain standing as the choir and clergy leave in procession.



Concerning the Service of Evensong

The form of this service is little altered from that of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, but the content has a much longer history. The Psalms were the hymns of the Jewish temple; the Canticles—the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*—are from the New Testament; other prayers and hymns come from the past centuries of the Christian church. All these texts have been refined throughout the ages to express the profound mysteries of God.

For some it is music, not words alone, that carries them into the presence of God; for others it is silent meditation. For most people, however, it takes all three—words, music, and silent meditation—to lead them into the true spirit of worship.

This service of Evensong is a unique part of our Anglican heritage with its offering of a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which we may bring our daily anxieties and preoccupations, and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose saving acts we celebrate. The censuring of altar, cross, ministers, and people during the Song of Mary (the *Magnificat*) testifies to the God who is present in Mary's body as continuous with the God of the Exodus, whose signs of presence were the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of smoke by day.

One may feel that there is little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part in the worship, but the wisdom of the ages tells us that most find that through their own silent attention, while ministers and choir speak and sing in their name, they make the words and music their own. They are then able, with an uncluttered mind, to offer to God the best of who they are and what they hope to become.

It is then that this service of Evensong, which has been called the jewel in the crown of Anglicanism, can be experienced for what it is: a worship experience that allows us with all our senses to express our hopes and thanksgivings to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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