

# Festal Evensong for St. Mary the Virgin

August 14, 2011 at five o'clock in the evening ♦ The Eve of St. Mary the Virgin



## St. Paul's Cathedral

in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego and the Worldwide Anglican Communion  
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Sung by *Cappella Gloriana* ♦ Dr. Stephen Sturk, *Guest Conductor*

*Kindly silence cell phones and pagers.*

# The Order of Service for Evensong

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## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### INTROIT

*Lord Jesus, Stay with Us*

Dr. Stephen Sturk (b. 1950)

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

## OPENING SENTENCE

### PRECES AND RESPONSES

Sturk

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 36

O gladsome light

1 O glad - some Light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,  
 2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light,  
 3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,  
 our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un - known,  
 O Son of God, Life - giv - er; thee, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.  
 thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit a - dor - ing.  
 the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); para. of *O Gracious Light*  
 Music: *Le Cantique de Siméon*, melody Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?); harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

*Please be seated.*

**PSALM 34:1-9** (choir) *Benedicam Dominum* Sturk: simplified Anglican chant

- 1 I WILL always give thanks unto the LORD; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD; \*  
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O praise the LORD with me, \*  
and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me; \*  
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, and were lightened; \*  
and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the LORD heareth him; \*  
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD tarrieth round about them that fear him, \*  
and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how gracious the LORD is: \*  
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye that are his saints; \*  
for they that fear him lack nothing.

*Gloria Patri.*

**FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 31:1-14

*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. After censuring of the Congregation, please be seated.*

**MAGNIFICAT***St. Paul's Service*

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*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**

John 19:23-27

*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***St. Paul's Service*

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*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 SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN**

O GOD, who hast taken to thyself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of thy incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of thine eternal kingdom; 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.**

### **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, MOTET

*Ave Maria... Virgo Serena*  
Josquin des Prez (c. 1450–1521)

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Virgo serena.*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, Virgin serene.

*Ave cujus conceptio, solemnata plena gaudio, coelestia, terrestria, nova replet laetitia.*

Hail whose conception, full of solemn joy, heaven and earth newly fills with happiness.

*Ave cujus natiuitas, nostra fuit solemnitas; ut lucifer lux oriens, verum solem praeveniens.*

Hail whose birth was our solemnity, so that like a torch, the rising the true sun might herald.

*Ave pia humilitas. sine viro foecunditas. cujus annunciatio nostra fuit salvatio.*

Hail blessed humility, without original sin, whose annunciation has been our salvation.

*Ave vera virginitis, immaculata castitas, cujus purificatio, nostra fuit purgatio.*

Hail true virginity, spotless chastity, whose purification has been our cleansing.

*Ave praeclara omnibus, angelicis virtutibus, cujus fuit assumptio, nostra glorificatio.*

Hail foremost among all angelic virtues, whose assumption has been our glorification.

*O Mater Dei, memento mei. Amen.*

O mother of God, remember me. Amen.

## THE CONCLUDING PRAYERS

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

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
who broods over the world  
as a mother over her children,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

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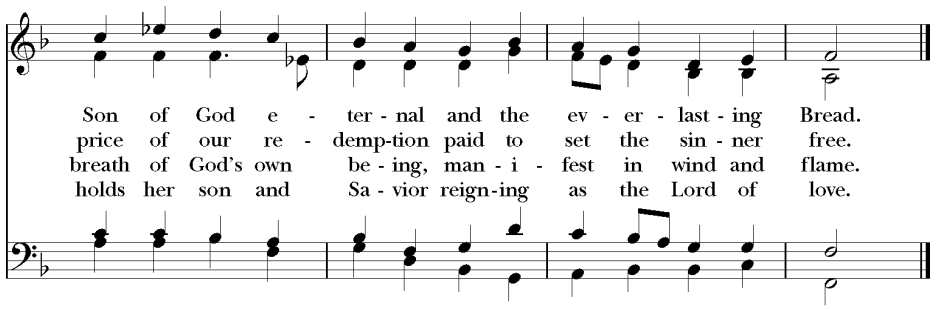
St. Mary the Virgin

1 Sing we of the bless - ed Mo - ther who re - ceived the an - gel's  
 2 Sing we, too, of Ma - ry's sor - rows, of the sword that pierced her  
 3 Sing a - gain the joys of Ma - ry when she saw the ris - en  
 4 Sing the chief - est joy of Ma - ry when on earth her work was

word, and o - be - dient to the sum - mons bore in  
 through, when be - neath the cross of Je - sus she his  
 Lord, and in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles, wait - ed  
 done, and the Lord of all cre - a - tion brought her

love the in - fant Lord; sing we of the joys of  
 weight of suf - fering knew, looked up - on her Son and  
 on his prom - ised word; from on high the blaz - ing  
 to his heaven - ly home; where, raised high with saints and

Ma - ry at whose breast the child was fed who is  
 Sa - vior reign - ing from the aw - ful tree, saw the  
 glo - ry of the Spi - rit's pres - ence came, heaven - ly  
 an - gels, in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bove, she be -



Son of God e - ter - nal and the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
 price of our re - demp-tion paid to set the sin - ner free.  
 breath of God's own be - ing, man - i - fest in wind and flame.  
 holds her son and Sa - vior reign-ing as the Lord of love.

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## 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.*

Following the service, the Congregation is invited to a champagne reception in the Guild Room and Sixth Avenue Courtyard. Please welcome and thank *Cappella Gloriana* and their director, Dr. Stephen Sturk, for their contribution sung to the glory of God.



*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

## St. Mary the Virgin

The honor paid to Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Two Gospels tell of the manner of Christ's birth, and the familiar Christmas story testifies to the Church's conviction that he was born of a virgin. In Luke's Gospel, we catch a brief glimpse of Jesus' upbringing at Nazareth, when the child was wholly in the care of his mother and his foster father, Joseph. During Jesus' ministry in Galilee, we learn that Mary was often with the other women who followed Jesus and ministered to his needs. At Calvary she was among the little band of disciples who kept watch at the cross. After the resurrection she was to be found with the Twelve in the upper room, watching and praying until the coming of the Spirit at Pentecost. Mary was the person closest to Jesus in his most impressionable years, and the words of the *Magnificat*, as well as her humble acceptance of the divine will, bear more than an accidental resemblance to the Lord's Prayer and the Beatitudes of the Sermon on the Mount. Later devotion has claimed many things for Mary which cannot be proved from Holy Scripture. What we can believe, though, is that one who stood in so intimate a relationship with the incarnate Son of God on earth must, of all the human race, have the place of highest honor in the eternal life of God. A paraphrase of an ancient Greek hymn expresses this belief in very familiar words: "O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, alleluia."

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**Ave Maria (Hail Mary)** is the salutation given by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:28): *Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum* ("Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"). To these words many additions have been made, both as prayers addressed to the Blessed Virgin (such as that prayed in The Rosary) and as musical texts. The traditional prayer continues with Elizabeth's greeting to her cousin Mary (Luke 1:41): *Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui* ("Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb"); and the name (Jesus) given to Mary's child. It concludes with words adopted by the Council of Trent: *Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen* ("Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen"). Other texts which include Elizabeth's greeting alter this formula to varying degrees.

**On the cover:** Albrecht Dürer, woodcut, *Assumption and Coronation of the Virgin (The Life of the Virgin)*, 1510.

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