



**ST. PAUL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL**

*St. Paul's Cathedral Arts*

## Choral Evensong

Sunday, January 17, 2021  
4:00 pm

Sung by Members of the Cathedral Choir  
Mark A. Babcock, Choirmaster and Cathedral Organist

The Rev. Nicola Bowler, Officiant  
The Very Rev. Fr. Troy C. Beecham,  
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## ORDER OF SERVICE

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

### OPENING SENTENCES

### THE INVITORY AND PSALTER

ST. MARTIN PRECES AND RESPONSES

David Drinkell

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

### Phos hilaron

*O gracious light*

S 61

St. 1 *O gracious Light,*  
*pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,*  
*O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!*  
St. 2 *Now as we come to the setting of the sun,*  
*and our eyes behold the vesper light,*  
*we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*  
St. 3 *You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,*  
*O Son of God, O Giver of life,*  
*and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

### PSALM 114

*Sung by the Choir*

1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,  
2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.  
3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.  
4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

- 5       What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
          O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6       You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
          you little hills like young sheep?
- 7       Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
          at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8       Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
          and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## THE LESSONS

### Isaiah 43:14 - 44:5

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise. Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings, or honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling. But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you in the womb and will help you: Do not fear, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.

They shall spring up like a green tamarisk, like willows by flowing streams. This one will say, 'I am the Lord's', another will be called by the name of Jacob, yet another will write on the hand, 'The Lord's', and adopt the name of Israel.

**THE MAGNIFICAT**

**Hymn 437**

BIRMINGHAM

- St. 1      *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.*
- St. 2      *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.*
- St. 3      *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.*
- St. 4      *Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!*

**John 4: 27 - 42**

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him

because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.'

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**Hymn 499**

SONG 1

*Lord God, you now have set your servant free to go in peace  
As promised in your word;  
My eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
Prepared by you for all the world to see,  
To shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
The glory of your people, and their light.*

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**     *sung by all*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE PRAYERS**

Officiant     The Lord be with you

Choir         *And also with you.*

Officiant     Let us pray.

Choir         *Lord have mercy upon us.*

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

*Lord have mercy upon us.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *sung by 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. Amen.

**THE SUFFRAGES** *sung by the Officiant and the Choir*

Drinkell

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*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 OF THE DAY**

**ANTHEM**

*Alleluia*

Andrew Miller

**THE CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**Hymn 662**

*Abide with me*

EVENTIDE

St. 1 *Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.*

St. 2 *I need thy presence every passing hour:  
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.*

St. 3 *I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:  
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.*

St. 4 *Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*God Is Here*

Glenn Wonacott

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