



ST. THOMAS'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR ONE

Service of Choral Evensong

March 31, 2019

5 P.M.

If you are new or visiting ...

Welcome to St. Thomas's Episcopal Church and to this service of Choral Evensong. This ancient liturgy is drawn from the 1662 and 1979 versions of the Book of Common Prayer. We hope that you will enter into a time of quiet reflection by letting the voices of the choir lift your thoughts and prayers to the throne of God's grace. While the choir will be singing most of the responses and canticles on your behalf, you are invited to participate heartily in the singing of the hymns. If you would like to make an offering, you will find an offering plate located near the rear doors of the church. All donations will go toward making services such as Evensong a constant in this community.

Wireless access in the Sanctuary is accessible by connecting to wireless network STEC – Guest. Your device will open a web browser and St. Thomas's website. Sunday bulletins are posted on the website's Bulletin Archive. We aim to reduce printing by encouraging worshippers to use their smart devices to follow the order of service.

Restrooms for men and women are located on the second floor. Go through the red double doors at the front of the church, up the stairs to the left, and to the far end of the hallway. An **all-gender restroom (with baby changing table)** is in the Vesting Room, located opposite the red double doors at the front of the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prélude

Maurice Duruflé (1902–1986), from *Suite*, Op. 5

All stand as the clergy and choir enter in procession.

INTROIT

Christus factus est

Christus factus est pro nobis obediens
usque ad mortem autem crucis
propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum
et dedit illi nomen quod est super omne nomen.

Christ became obedient for us unto death,
even to death on the cross.
Therefore God exalted Him
and gave Him a name which is above all names.

Words: Philippians 2:8-9 Music: Anton Bruckner (1824–1896), WAB 11, 1884

THE INVITATORY RESPONSES

Maggie Burk

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Presider O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Presider 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.
Presider Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness (339, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

All are seated.

PSALM 46 (*sung by the Choir*)

Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869–1953)

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD,
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

JEREMIAH 14:1-9, 17-22

The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought: Judah mourns and her gates languish; they lie in gloom on the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem goes up. Her nobles send their servants for water; they come to the cisterns, they find no water, they return with their vessels empty. They are ashamed and dismayed and cover their heads, because the ground is cracked. Because there has been no rain on the land the farmers are dismayed; they cover their heads. Even the doe in the field forsakes her newborn fawn because there is no grass. The wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like jackals; their eyes fail because there is no herbage. Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

You shall say to them this word: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease, for the virgin daughter—my people—is struck down with a crushing blow, with a very grievous wound. If I go out into the field, look—those killed by the sword! And

if I enter the city, look—those sick with famine! For both prophet and priest ply their trade throughout the land, and have no knowledge. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name’s sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

Herbert Howells (1892–1983), *Gloucester Service*

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 shewed 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.

THE SECOND LESSON

MARK 8:11-21

The Pharisees came and began to argue with him, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, “Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.” And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side.

Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, “Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.” They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.” “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Herbert Howells (1892–1983), *Gloucester Service*

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 stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider and People

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

Maggie Burk

Presider The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir 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.

Presider O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Presider O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Presider Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Presider O Lord, save thy people;

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Presider Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Presider O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Presider Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Choir Amen.

Presider 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 our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

Presider 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.

Choir Amen.

All are seated.

THE ANTHEM

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Herr Zebaoth!
Meine Seele verlangt und sehnet sich
nach den Vorhöfen des Herrn;
mein Leib und Seele freuen sich
in dem lebendigen Gott.
Wohl denen, die in deinem Hause wohnen,
die loben dich immerdar!

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice
in the living God.
Happy are they who dwell in your house,
they will always be praising you!

Words: Psalm 84:1,4 Music: Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), *Requiem*, Op. 45, mvt. 4

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

Presider The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

Choir Thanks be to God.

Presider

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

FINAL HYMN

The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended (24, *The Hymnal 1982*)

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud
falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for
scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

This hymn may be used in the morning by omitting stanza 1.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893) Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

All remain standing as the clergy and choir process out, then all may choose to sit for the Organ Voluntary.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986), from *Suite*, Op. 5

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Service Participants

We give special thanks for the musicians and clergy from Christ Church and Trinity on the Green, who join with us this evening for this Three Choirs Evensong.

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