

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

Choral Evensong The Fifth Sunday of Easter 4:45 PM Sunday, April 21st, 2024

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

Welcome

We are glad you joined us this evening. The service of Evensong has its roots in the daily prayers of monastic communities. The first Book of Common Prayer from 1549 combined the daily office services of Vespers and Compline to create Evening Prayer. As the choral tradition absorbed the service, it became known as Evensong (as in Evening prayer Sung). You are invited to join us for a brief reception following the service.

Prelude Recital:

Mattilda Middleton

Vivace from Sonata VI, BWV 530 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lebhaft, Op. 58 No. 3 Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

In Quiet Mood Florence Price (1887-1953)

Joshua Fit de Battle ob Jericho
Negro Spiritual, arr. Fela Sowande (1905-1987)

Méditation Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures
de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Opus 12 Maurice Duruflé

Procession

(All stand for procession)

The Opening Sentences

Invitatory and Psalter

Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

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.

Hail, gladdening light (sung by the choir)
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail! gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies—Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

(all sit)

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me (sung by the choir)
Chant: Charles Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul, *
and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble
me; *

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall
be full.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD 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 First Lesson

Isaiah 40: 6-11

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Magnificat:

Evening Service 'Gloucester' Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Second Lesson

Matthew 18: 12-14

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

Nunc dimittis:

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The Apostles' Creed

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(All stand)

The Prayers

(All sit or kneel)

Lesser Litany And Suffrages

Bernard Rose

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.
Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.
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.
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

Anthem

Faithful Shepherd Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Faithful Shepherd, lead me in the pastures green;
lead me where thy steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer, may I love Thee more.

Hallow every pleasure, every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure, though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me to thy promised rest.

Poem by T.B. Pollack (1836-1896)

General Thanksgiving

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(spoken by all)

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Sentence

Office Hymn 663: *The Lord my God my shepherd is*

Postlude

(all are invited to sit for the Postlude or leave quietly)

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Altar Flowers

Flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas D. Pryse, Jr. by Mary Pryse.

AND

In celebration of Katie Shaw's birthday by
Wayne and Heather Stagg.

AND

In honor of Brittany Fulmer Ennen's birthday by
Phillip and Vicky Fulmer.