

# Choral Evensong



Cantoria

1431-38, Luca della Robbia (circa 1400-1482)

**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 28,  
2015**

**Saint Patrick's Parish  
Stoneham, Massachusetts**

## WELCOME!

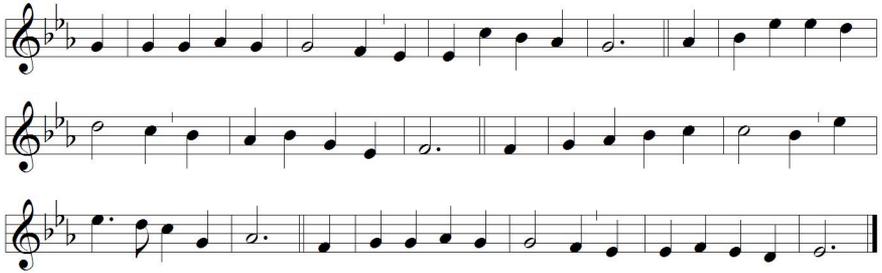
We enter this consecrated place with reverence, quietly preparing ourselves to meet Almighty God and to offer our sacrifice of praise. Physical acts of worship (crossing †, bowing ↓, kneeling) are optional. All may stand, as able, at the introduction to a hymn.

Please silence cell phones, and refrain from photography.

Choral Evensong (Evening Prayer sung by choir) is a distinctively Anglican worship service derived from the ancient monastic daily office practices of awaiting God's presence, hearing him speak through his word, and offering intercessory prayer to him. The form and language of tonight's service were developed in the mid 1500s by Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer and have been used continuously since then. Choral Evensong is sung most days in many British cathedrals, churches, and college chapels.

The Psalm and Scripture readings are from the Daily Office (Evening Prayer), 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, page 944, Wednesday in the week of the Third Sunday after the Epiphany.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN The Church's one foundation

*Aurelia*

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| <p>1 The Church's one foundation<br/>is Jesus Christ her Lord;<br/>she is his new creation<br/>by water and the word:<br/>from heaven he came and sought her<br/>to be his holy bride;<br/>with his own blood he bought her,<br/>and for her life he died.</p> | <p>3 Though with a scornful wonder<br/>men see her sore oppressed,<br/>by schisms rent asunder<br/>by heresies distressed;<br/>yet saints their watch are keeping,<br/>their cry goes up, "How long?"<br/>and soon the night of weeping<br/>shall be the morn of song.</p> |
| <p>2 Elect from every nation,<br/>yet one o'er all the earth,<br/>her charter of salvation,<br/>one Lord, one faith, one birth;<br/>one holy Name she blesses,<br/>partakes one holy food,<br/>and to one hope she presses,<br/>with every grace endued.</p>   | <p>4 'Mid toil and tribulation<br/>and tumult of her war,<br/>she waits the consummation<br/>of peace for evermore;<br/>till with the vision glorious<br/>her longing eyes are blessed,<br/>and the great Church victorious<br/>shall be the Church at rest.</p>           |
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

Words: 1866, Samuel John Stone (1839–1900)  
Music: 1864, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

From the historic Anglican Prayer Books

*Officiant:* Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us, in sundry places, to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought, at all times, humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace:

*(kneeling or sitting)*

*All:* Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep; we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have offended against thy holy laws; we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults; restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*Priest:* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us † absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

*People:* Amen.

## INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Preces *(standing)* (Precentor & Choir)

2012, Gideon Cox (b. 1978)  
Member, Choir of Christ the Redeemer

† *(thumb on lips)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;  
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.

Psalm 49:1-9, 15 (*sitting*)

### Anglican Chant

James Turle (1802-1882) after Henry Purcell (1659-1695)  
(Choir. BCP, p. 652. Roman Catholic numbering: Psalm 48)

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 15 But God will ransom my life; \*  
he will snatch me from the grasp of death.

↓ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit: ↑  
as it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen.

## LESSONS

First Reading (*sitting*)

Isaiah 49:1–12

*After the reading:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Magnificat in D (*standing*) 1907, George Dyson (1883–1964)  
(Choir. *The Song of Mary*. Text: BCP, p. 65)

† 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 for ever.

– Luke 1:46–55

↓ 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.

Second Reading (*sitting*)

Galatians 2:11–21

*After the reading:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle Nunc dimittis in D (*standing*)

1907, George Dyson

(Choir. *The Song of Simeon*. Text: BCP, p. 66)

† 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.

– Luke 2:29-32

↓ 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 Apostles' Creed (*standing*) (Chant on one pitch)

BCP, p. 66

*Officiant:* I believe in God,

*All:* **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.**

## PRAYERS

The Lesser Litany (Precentor & Choir)

2012, Gideon Cox

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

(*kneeling or sitting*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (All, chant on one pitch)

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

The Suffrages (Precentor & Choir)

2012, Gideon Cox

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
and grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state;  
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.

Collect for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany (Officiant & Choir) BCP, p. 163

Give us grace, O Lord to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

The Grace

*Officiant:* † The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*People:* **Amen.**

**WELCOME** (*sitting*)

Fr. Liias

**OFFERING**

**ANTHEM** Ave Maria

1964, Franz Biebl (1906–2001)

(Choir of Christ the Redeemer)

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ,  
et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

*The angel of the Lord announced to Mary,  
and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,  
Dominus tecum.

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

Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

*Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini;  
fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

*Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord;  
let it be to me according to your word.*

Et verbum caro factum est  
et habitavit in nobis.

*And the Word was made flesh  
and dwelt among us.*

Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
nunc et in hora mortis nostræ. Amen.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

– *Angelus*, ancient Latin text incorporating Luke 1:28, 35, 38, 42; John 1:14

## HOMILY

Cardinal O'Malley

## ADDITIONAL PRAYERS *(kneeling or sitting)*

Fr. Liias

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 71

*All:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

BCP, p. 72

*Officiant:* Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

*People:* **Amen.**

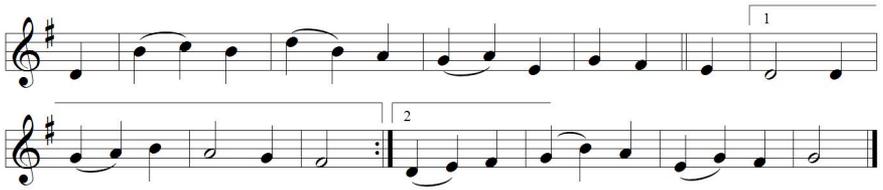
## BLESSING

*Response:* **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Response:* **Thanks be to God.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended St. Clement



- 1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: 1870, John Ellerton (1826–1893)  
Music: 1874, Clement Scholefield (1839–1904)

POSTLUDE Marche épiscopale [*Bishop's March*]

1928, Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

*Please kneel or sit for the extinguishing of candles and for the brief Postlude.  
Thank you for not applauding.*

*All are invited to a reception afterward.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Homilist: His Eminence Seán, Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston

Officiant: The Rev. Jürgen Liias, Pastor, Saint Gregory the Great Church, Stoneham

Precentor: Kevin McDermott, Verger, Saint Gregory the Great Church, Stoneham

Organist & Choirmaster: Daniel McKinley, Minister of Music, Christ the Redeemer

The Choir of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, Danvers

MC One: Raymond Chagnon

MC Two/Boat Bearer: Thomas O'Neill

Thurifer: Brian O'Hanlon

Crucifer: Richard Piwowarski

Acolyte One: Michael Callery

Acolyte Two: David Allen

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Our Bodies Proclaim the Gospel.** Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, 188 Elliott Street, Danvers. Christopher West, Roman Catholic author of *Fill These Hearts*, will help attendees articulate the positive understanding of traditional Christian teaching about sex and sexual behavior. Advance tickets: \$25; tickets at the door: \$30. Registration includes lunch and a \$10 study guide.

February 8, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.: **Candlemas Choral Evensong with Incense.** Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, 188 Elliott Street, Danvers. Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple and Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from February 2). Choir of Christ the Redeemer. Congregational lighting of candles and procession.