

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Choral Evensong with Prayers for Peace

5:00 pm



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We welcome you to the beauty of the traditional service of Evensong,
and invite you to take the time before service to prepare for worship in a meditative silence.

Please silence or shut off your phone. Thank you.

Note: The Hymns are found in *The Hymnal 1982*, the blue volume found in the pew racks.

Prelude

"The Peace" from Royal Fireworks Music

G.F.Handel

Please stand as you are able as the ministers enter the church.

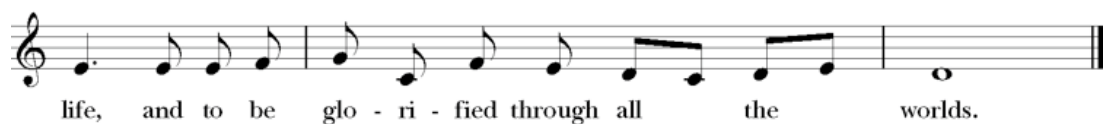
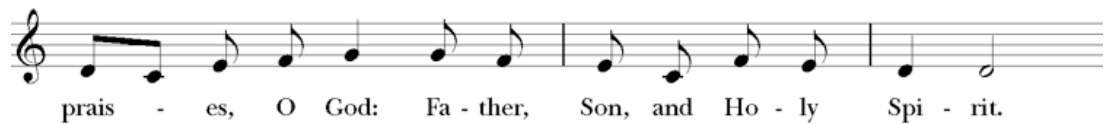
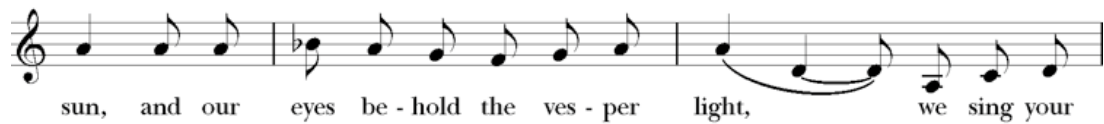
Preces and Responses

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

People
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.



Psalm 46: Hymn 688 A Mighty Fortress

Ein feste Burg

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side,
 do us; we will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid - eth; the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours

of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
 his truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:

and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for ev - er.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (11:6-9)

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Canticle.

Canticle: Magnificat in F

Diana Landau, soloist

George Dyson

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,
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.
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. Amen.

Please be seated.

A reading from John's Gospel (14:25-31)

Jesus said, "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Poem (I lived in the first century of world wars)

Muriel Rukeyser (1913-1980)

I lived in the first century of world wars.
Most mornings I would be more or less insane,
The newspapers would arrive with their careless stories,
The news would pour out of various devices
Interrupted by attempts to sell products to the unseen.
I would call my friends on other devices;
They would be more or less mad for similar reasons.
Slowly I would get to pen and paper,
Make my poems for others unseen and unborn.
In the day I would be reminded of those men and women,
Brave, setting up signals across vast distances,
Considering a nameless way of living, of almost unimagined values.
As the lights darkened, as the lights of night brightened,
We would try to imagine them, try to find each other,
To construct peace, to make love, to reconcile
Waking with sleeping, ourselves with each other,
Ourselves with ourselves. We would try by any means
To reach the limits of ourselves, to reach beyond ourselves,
To let go the means, to wake.

I lived in the first century of these wars.

*We will observe three minutes of silence together.
As the silence concludes, please stand as you are able.*

Nunc Dimittis in F

George Dyson

Jim Anderson, soloist

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. Amen.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

The Prayers

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

Celebrant



As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



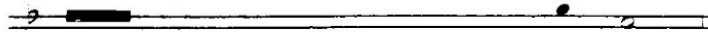
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

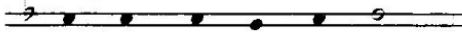
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Cantor or Officiant



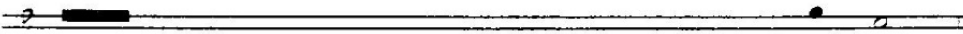
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People

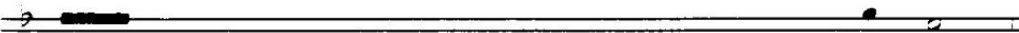


We en - treat you, O Lord.

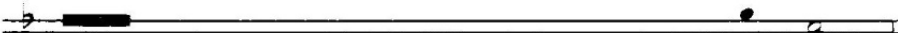
(This response is sung after each petition)



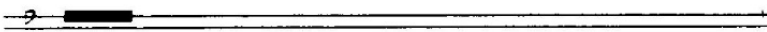
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



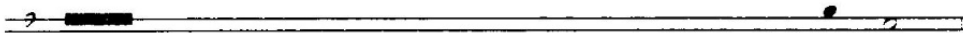
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



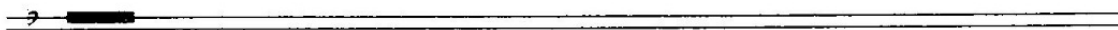
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



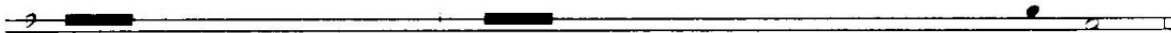
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of



[___ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collects for Peace

God whose dream is the flourishing of all, we hold before you all regions of the world torn apart by war and civil unrest, remembering especially Russia and Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and the wider Middle East, Sudan and its neighbors, Haiti. Guide those with authority in these lands to serve the safety and dignity of all, and guard those whose youth or age or disabilities leave them vulnerable to those more powerful. Heal the earth planted with the mines and toxins of war, and heal hearts and minds disfigured by suspicion, tribal or nationalistic enmities and fear. **Amen.**

God of mercy and peace, we grieve for all lives lost to political violence. Comfort all families who have experienced such loss and those who experience threats of violence. Grant us self-control in political discourse, that anger and fear do not lead us into harm. Stir our hearts toward compassion, and bless us with the gift of understanding. Lord, guard us from pride and unite us in patience and humility, building together for the good of all. We trust in your justice and your steadfast love, through Jesus Christ our Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

Gracious God, whose steadfast love never ceases, we grieve the harm of political impasse and the suffering it brings. We lift before you the workers and families facing lost income and employment, and those who depend on public services for health, safety, and justice. Grant wisdom and humility to leaders and guide them toward compromise for the common good. Strengthen public servants and sustain communities that carry extra burdens. Provide for the vulnerable and turn crisis into an opportunity for fellowship. Through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and hope. **Amen.**

O Lord, God of life, as you care for all creation, give us your peace. May our security come not from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but from love. May our own wealth come not from withholding, but from sharing. May our path be not one of ambition, but of justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, help us to defend the dignity of all creation, sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

The Peace and the Greeting

The Anthem

When Rooks Fly Homeward

Arthur Banyon

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall,
When roses fold on the hay-yard wall,
When blind moths flutter by door and tree,
Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.
When stars look out on the Children's Path
and grey mists gather on carn and rath,
When night is one with the brooding sea
Then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

Please stand as you are able.

The Closing Hymn 597 O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

The Blessing

Postlude

Festal Flourish

Gordon Jacob

Officiant

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

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Joan Kirchner

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