

# CHORAL EVENSONG

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MARCH 13, 5:00 PM

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## ORGAN RECITAL

Josh Ehlebracht, *organist*

*Concerto in D Minor BWV 596*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*I. Allegro*  
*II. Grave*  
*III. Fuga*

*Adagio (Largo e spiccato) from Vivaldi's Concerto in D Minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Virgil Fox (b.1912)

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*Psalm Prelude III (Psalm 23, verse 4) Op. 32 No. 1*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Little Melody from "Short Organ Works"*

Florence Price (1887-1953)

*What a Friend we Have in Jesus! From "Gospel Preludes"*

William Bolcom (b.1938)

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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*Adoration from "Three Short Pieces for Organ"*

Florence Price (1887-1953)



*The People stand as the procession enters the church.*

INTROIT *sung by the choir*

If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,  
That He may abide with you forever, ev'n the spirit of truth.  
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

Words: John 14:15-18  
Music: Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

PRECES *sung by the Cantor and Choir*

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!*

Setting: Robert Lehman (b.1960)

# HYMN

## *Choir*

1. Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,  
who, from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race,  
still extends to us his grace.
2. Heaven and earth by him were made;  
all is by his scepter swayed;  
what are we that he should show  
so much love to us below?
3. God, the merciful and good,  
bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and, to make salvation sure,  
guides us by his Spirit pure.

## Opt. congregational part

4. Sing, my soul, a - dore his Name! ——— Let his  
glo - ry be thy theme: ——— praise him till he calls thee  
home; trust his love ——— for all to  
come, ——— trust his love ——— for all to come.

Words: Anonymous, 1800  
Music: Nelson, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1950)

## THE COLLECT

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past, but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we might find refreshment and life in Christ, our liberator from sin, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, holy and mighty God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

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.

Anglican Chant, David Hurd (b. 1937)

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT *standing; sung by the choir*

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 forever.  
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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55  
Music: Tone II, Solemn with faburdens by June Nixon (b. 1942)

THE SECOND LESSON *seated*

*John 16: 16-33*

Jesus said, Very truly, I tell you: you will have pain, but your pain will turn into joy. When a woman is in labour, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world. So you have pain now; but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. 'I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures, but will tell you plainly of the Father. On that day you will ask in my name. I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world; again, I am leaving the world and am going to the Father. I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

**Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS      *standing; sung by the choir*

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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

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THE HOMILY

*The Reverend Daniel Simons*

THE APOSTLES' CREED *standing; 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 LESSER LITANY *sung by the Cantor and Choir*

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*

Let us pray.  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. Amen.



THE RESPONSES

*sung by the Cantor and Choir*

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.*

THE COLLECTS

*sung by the Cantor and Choir*

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. *Amen.*

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Setting: Robert Lehman (b.1960)

ANTHEM

*seated; sung by the Choir*

*During the anthem, an offering is taken to support the music program at St. Paul's.  
Thank you for your generosity in giving.*

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.  
Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
For thy brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity.  
Yea, because the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do thee good.

Words: Psalm 122:6-7  
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM *standing; said by all*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication to you;  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name  
you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions  
as may be best for us;  
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE GRACE

Let us bless the Lord.

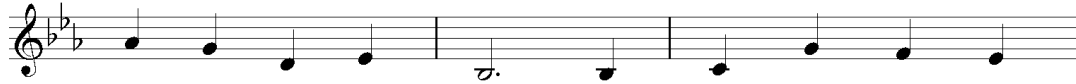
Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:  
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.  
Amen.

HYMN



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.  
 Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Josh Ehlebracht, *organist*

*A reception follows in the Guild Room.*

## THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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