

CHORAL EVENSONG

with Investiture of Choristers

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | MAY 21, 2023 – 5:00PM

ORGAN PRELUDE

Rhosymedre from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn Tunes

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The People stand as the Procession enters the Church.



INTROIT

sung by the Choir

O Gladsome Light

Michelle Horsley (b. 1990)

Composed for the Five-Choir Evensong at Trinity College Hartford, March 2023

O gladsome light!
O gladsome light of the holy glory of the immortal Father,
heavenly, holy blessed Jesus Christ.
Now that we have come to the setting of the sun
and we behold the light of evening,
We praise you, God!
We praise you God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
For it is right at all times to give praise.
O Son of God! O Giver of life!
Therefore the world glorifies Thee!

THE PRECES

sung by the Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew 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: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

HYMN



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the
 2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its
 3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly
 4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the
 5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the
 2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious
 3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed
 4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and
 5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:
 2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.
 3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.
 4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.
 5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

Words: Latin; tr. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)
 Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (b. 1894)

THE COLLECT

God of majesty, yours is the power that raised Christ from death, yours the glory that exalted him to your right hand. By the perpetual outpouring of your Spirit, confirm your church in its mission of salvation. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the first-born from the dead, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Alleluia! Praise God in the holy temple; *
praise God in the firmament of power.
Praise God for every mighty act; *
praise God's excellent greatness.
Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise God with lyre and harp.
Praise God with timbrel and dance; *
praise God with strings and pipe.
Praise God with resounding cymbals; *
praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.
Let everything that has breath *
praise God. Alleluia!
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.

Setting: William Crotch

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT *remain seated; 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.

Setting: Evening Service in C minor, George Dyson (1883-1964)

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 18:1-5, 12-14

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS *remain seated; 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.

Setting: *Evening Service in C minor*, George Dyson (1883-1964)

THE INVESTITURE OF CHORISTERS *seated*

The Director of Music presents the new Choristers to the Rector and the Congregation.

I present to you Morgan Arias, Amelia Collier-Lake, Evelyn Collier-Lake, Maeve Collier-Lake, and Lera Hargrove to be admitted as full choristers of this parish church.

The Rector addresses the Choristers:

Morgan, Amelia, Evelyn, Maeve and Lera, it is the privilege and joy of this choir and all of its members to contribute fully to the worship of this parish, lifting the hearts of all of us to God. Will you offer yourselves fully to this work?

We will.

Will you accept the guidance of those who lead over you, and serve God here with reverence and joy?

We will, with God's help.

May Almighty God make your praise glorious and lead you in the light of Christ.

The Rector then admits each Chorister, taking the Chorister by the hand.

Morgan / Amelia / Evelyn / Maeve / Lera, you have promised to serve God in this choir and to lead the people of God in prayer and praise. I therefore admit you to the choir of Saint Paul's on the Green and we now vest you in this fellowship with a glad heart; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Each Chorister receives a surplice from the Director of Music.

May what you sing with your lips you may believe in your heart, and that what you believe in your heart you may show forth in your life.

The People stand and, the Rector offers says,

Let us pray.

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises of your people; and grant to them even now such glimpses of your beauty, that they may at length behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Congregation welcomes the newly invested Choristers. Applause is appropriate.

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 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.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

sung by the 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 Choir

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Setting: Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

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THE ANTHEM

seated; sung by the Choir

O how amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be alway praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

standing

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 BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May Christ, the splendor and image of God's being, draw you to himself, that you may live in his light and share his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)
 Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Major, BWV 541

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

A reception follows in the Guild Room.

THE WORSHIP IS OVER – THE SERVICE BEGINS

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