



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
EVENSONG
MARCH 26, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
In the name of Jesus Christ, welcome!



ABOUT THE LITURGY OF EVENSONG

Evensong is a part of daily worship that is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night in many parts of the world. This great tradition comes to us through the centuries in a form unique to the Anglican Communion.

The purpose of Evensong is to proclaim the wonderful works of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It evokes responses of praise, penitence, prayer, and peace. Most of the service is sung by the choir. All are encouraged to participate by reflecting on the parts of the service that are sung and by joining in the portions that are said. You may stand, sit, or kneel at appropriate times during the service.

The service is in three parts: the first, which is brief, prepares us for the story that follows. We then hear of God's redeeming love, beginning with the Old Testament (the psalms and the first reading), proceeding to the New Testament (the Magnificat or Song of Mary, the second reading, and the Nunc Dimittis or Song of Simeon), and the affirmation of what we believe (the Creed). The third part is our prayerful response as God is revealed in history, in Jesus Christ, and in the Church.

VOLUNTARY Fugue in A-flat minor

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

INTROIT Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Richard Farrant (1530-1580)

*Hide not Thou Thy face from us, O Lord,
And cast not off Thy servants in Thy displeasure;
For we confess our sins unto Thee,
And hide not our unrighteousness.
For Thy mercy's sake,
Deliver us from all our sins. (Psalm 27)*

PROCESSIONAL *Please stand.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Book of Common Prayer, 61

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON *After introduction, please kneel. Said by 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 them, O God, which confess their faults: Restore thou them that 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.

THE EVENING PRECES *Please stand, sung by choir.*

Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: 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.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

HYMN #18 from *Hymns Ancient & Modern*

Sung by all.

Quem Pastores

1. Light of glad - ness, Lord of glo - ry, Je - sus
 2. Let us sing at sun's de - scend - ing as we
 3. Son of God, through all the a - ges wor - thy

Christ our king most ho - ly, shine a - mong us
 see the lights of eve - ning Fa - ther, Son, and
 of our ho - liest prais - es, yours the life that

in your mer - cy: earth and hea - ven join their hymn.
 Spi - rit prais - ing with the ho - ly ser - a - phim.
 ne - ver cea - ses, light which nev - er shall grow dim.

PSALM 145 *Please be seated. Sung by choir.*

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896) & John Stainer (1840-1901)

I will magnify thee, O God, my King; and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever. Every day will I give thanks unto thee, and praise thy Name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord, and marvellous, worthy to be praised; there is no end of his greatness. One generation shall praise thy works unto another, and declare thy power. As for me, I will be talking of thy worship, thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works, so that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts; and I will also tell of thy greatness. The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be showed; and men shall sing of thy righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and of great goodness. The Lord is loving unto every man; and his mercy is over all his works. All thy works praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints give thanks unto thee. They show the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power, that thy power, thy glory, and mightiness of thy kingdom, might be known unto men. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages. The Lord upholdeth all such as fall, and lifteth up all those that are down. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will help them. The Lord preserveth all them that love him, but scattereth abroad all the ungodly. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. (*Please stand.*) 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.

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Jeremiah 23:16-32

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you; they are deluding you. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise the word of the Lord, 'It shall be well with you'; and to all who stubbornly follow their own stubborn hearts, they say, 'No calamity shall come upon you.'

For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it? Look, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his mind. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? See, therefore, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who steal my words from one another. See, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their own tongues and say, 'Says the Lord.' See, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and who tell them, and who lead my people astray by their lies and their recklessness, when I did not send them or appoint them; so they do not profit this people at all, says the Lord.

THE MAGNIFICAT

Alfred Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

Please stand. Text of canticle is on page 65 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE SECOND READING

Please be seated.

I Corinthians 9:19-27

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Brewer

Please stand. Text of canticle is on page 66 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *Sung by all, monotone.*

I believe in God, 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.

THE PRAYERS

Morley

Cantor: The Lord be with you. *Choir:* And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray. *Please kneel.*

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

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation: But deliver us from evil. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. *Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the State. *Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness. *Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people. *Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us. *Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen.

THE SUNG COLLECTS

ANTHEM There is a Balm

Please be seated.

Spiritual, arr. Brian Fairbanks

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul, go home and tell your neighbor: "He died to save us all."

THE SPOKEN COLLECTS *Please kneel.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Said by 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 ST. CHRYSOSTOM *Said by all.*

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. Amen.

THE GRACE

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSES (S-65)

<i>Cantor or Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
Let us bless the Lord.	Thanks be to God.

HYMN #24 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended *Please stand. Sung by all.*

St. Clement

VOLUNTARY O Gott, du frommer Gott O God, thou faithful God

Johannes Brahms

Please join us for a sherry reception in the Parish Hall directly following the service.

Serving tonight: *Officiant:* Reg Boland; *Organist:* Stephen Williams; *Reader:* Gary Thornburg;
Precentor: Davis Cooke; *Crucifer:* Wyatt Goodnight