

# CHORAL EVENSONG

The First Sunday after  
the Epiphany

Sunday, January 10, 2021  
5:00 pm

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The service of Choral Evensong has its roots in the ancient monastic offices of Vespers and Compline, from which it retains a framework in which prayers are chanted, Scripture is read, and canticles (biblical songs) are sung in response to the lessons. Since the sixteenth century, Evensong has provided a daily opportunity for stillness, contemplation, prayer, and praise in the cathedrals, chapels, and great parish churches of England. Today it is sung regularly throughout the Anglican communion (of which the Episcopal Church is a part).

Many find Choral Evensong to be a service of rare, even mystical, beauty. It is, at once, an opportunity to lay aside the cares of the world, and a gateway to enter into the courts of heaven. Our hope is that it will lead you to experience the "Beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96:6) as we meditate on timeless texts and lift our hearts to God in adoration while the choir sings its offerings of praise on our behalf.

Please join heartily in the hymns and congregational prayers.

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*The people stand at the sound of the bell.*

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Officiant* Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: the Lord is his name.  
*Amos 5:8*

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.  
*Philippians 1:2*

## THE PRECES

*Spoken*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*All* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.  
*All* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*All* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*All* **The Lord's name be praised.**

*Sung by the cantor.*

## PHOS HILARON

*Plainchant*

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven. O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

*For thousands of years the people of God have used the Psalms to express their waiting on God. We listen to what the Spirit is saying, through the psalm and the biblical lessons that follow.*

## PSALM 29

*Plainsong*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \* ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \* worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \* the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \* the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \* the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \* and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \* the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \* and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord \* all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \* the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; \* the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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 people stand for the Gloria Patri.*

*The people are seated for the Old Testament lesson.*

## THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

**I**n the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the

darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

*Sung in alternation  
between the cantor and  
the organ.*

*The practice of the  
organ in dialogue with  
the cantor was known  
as "alternatim," and was  
widely practiced in the  
17th century. Instead  
of alternating between  
two groups of singers,  
the organ sings verses of  
the hymn for us while we  
meditate on its meaning.*

*The people stand for the  
Gloria Patri.*

*The people are seated  
for the New Testament  
lesson.*

*In response to the  
revelation of Jesus in the  
New Testament, we give  
thanks for the light of  
salvation.*

*The people stand for the  
Gloria Patri.*

*The people remain  
standing and  
all say the creed.*

## THE MAGNIFICAT: Magnificat on the second tone

*Samuel Scheidt*

Cantor: My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
Organ: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.  
Cantor: For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
Organ: For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.  
Cantor: And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
Organ: He hath showed strength with his arm;  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
Cantor: He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
Organ: He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
Cantor: He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
Organ: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.  
Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
Organ: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE SECOND LESSON: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Plainchant*

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

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

All 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.

*We join silently in prayer  
for the Church and the  
world, for mercy, for God's  
continued blessing, and  
for guidance.*

*The people kneel.*

## THE RESPONSES

Moore

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*All* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

Our Father, which 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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Officiant* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*All* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the state.

*All* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

*All* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.

*All* And bless thine inheritance.

*Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us

*All* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

*Officiant* Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Officiant* O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Officiant* 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.

*The officiant says the  
collects, to which all  
respond "Amen." Three  
collects are traditionally  
offered at Evensong.  
The first of the three is  
chosen for the particular  
day. The following two  
are the collects for peace  
and for aid against perils.  
These two collects were  
prescribed for Evensong  
by Thomas Cranmer in the  
1662 Book of Common  
Prayer.*

*Sung by the cantor in  
Latin.*

ORGAN: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684

J.S. Bach

*The General Thanksgiving was possibly inspired by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth that was issued in 1596. This prayer was added to the Prayer Book in 1662, but was not required for use in the daily office until 1789.*

*Though not originally prescribed for use at Evensong in the initial Book of Common Prayer, the prayer of Saint John Chrysostom was added to service in the Prayer Book's 1662 revision, along with a choral anthem and other prayers.*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*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 thou hast made.  
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.**

## A PRAYER OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

*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. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And with thy Spirit.**

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*All*                **Thanks be to God.**

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

## **Parish Staff**

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The Rev. Doyt L. Conn, Jr.	<i>Rector</i>
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## **Volunteer Ministry Leaders**

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Ann Beck	<i>YWCA Cleanup &amp; Teen Feed</i>
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Ben Bradstreet	<i>Minyan</i>
Terry Carlisle	<i>Operation Nightwatch</i>
Sally Clarke	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Susannah Dhamdhere	<i>Meals Ministry</i>
Sue Draper	<i>Book Study</i>
Pieter Drummond	<i>Meditation</i>
Mike Evans	<i>Service &amp; Outreach</i>
Karen Forbes	<i>Women of Epiphany</i>
Alice Foreman	<i>Flower Ministry</i>
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## **Volunteer Professionals**

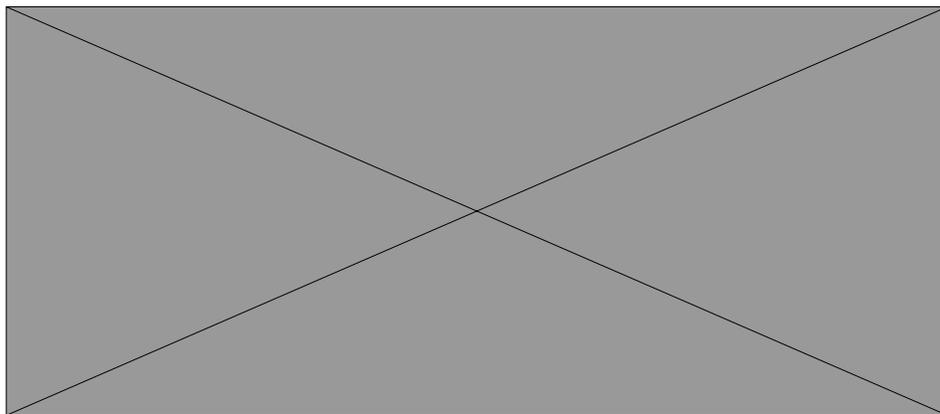
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Margie Einstein	<i>Stewardship Coordinator</i>
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Thomas Foster	<i>Director of Music Emeritus</i>
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## **Vestry**

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Sherilyn Peterson - Senior Warden	
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Zach Miller	Julie Moberly
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***Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
you have a place at Epiphany.***