

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.



Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. We're delighted you have joined us for this beautiful, restorative service. Choral Evensong is a contemplative service of music, readings, and prayers that takes place in the late afternoon or early evening. It allows listeners time to meditate and transition from the busyness of the day to the peace and quiet of the evening. Evensong's distinguishing feature is that it consists primarily of music.

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BuxWV 211
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 699
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, Op. 67, No. 29

*Dieterich Buxtehude
Johann Sebastian Bach
Max Reger*

All stand.

Opening sentences from Holy Scripture

BCP 61

Preces *sung by the Officiant and the choir*

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir 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.*

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

Psalm 103 *Sung by the choir to plainsong (TONE VIII.2)*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.*

*He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;*

*He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;*

*He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.*

*The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.*

*He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.*

*The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.*

*He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.*

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.*

*As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.*

*As a father cares for his children, *
so does the LORD care for those who fear him.*

*For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.*

*Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;*

*When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.*

*But the merciful goodness of the LORD endures for ever on those who fear him, **

and his righteousness on children's children;

*On those who keep his covenant **

and remember his commandments and do them.

*The LORD has set his throne in heaven, **

and his kingship has dominion over all.

Bless the LORD, you angels of his,

*you mighty ones who do his bidding, **

and hearken to the voice of his word.

*Bless the LORD, all you hosts, **

you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the LORD, all you works of his,

*in all places of his dominion; **

bless the LORD, O my soul.

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 First Lesson

Isaiah 13:6-13

Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will fail, and they will be dismayed. Pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labour. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. See, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the earth a desolation, and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, and lay low the insolence of tyrants. I will make mortals more rare than fine gold, and humans than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts on the day of his fierce anger.

All stand.

Hymn 54 Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

All sit.

Magnificat in G minor *sung by the choir*

Henry Purcell

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 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, world without end. Amen.

Soloists: Paige Cullins, Anna Squire, Stephanie Smittle, Grady McCoy, Tomas Baxter, Alan Rackley

The Second Lesson

John 3:22-30

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there; and people kept coming and were being baptized— John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'

Nunc dimittis in G minor *sung by the choir*

Henry Purcell

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.

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The Apostles' Creed *intoned by the Officiant, sung by all, standing*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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,
died, and was 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 people stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

Salutation

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord's Prayer

Philip Radcliffe

*Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be 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.*

Suffrages and Collects

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

*Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come
among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins,
let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver
us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and
the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.*

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

*Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day
is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and
awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed
in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the
sake of thy love. Amen*

*O God, who dost manifest in thy servants the signs of thy
presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in
companionship with one another thine abounding grace
may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord..
Amen.*

All sit.

Anthem

Canite tuba

Francesco Guerrero

*Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.*

Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes to our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.

Text: Joel 2:1 and Isaiah 40:4

All stand.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 72

The Concluding Sentences from Holy Scripture

BCP 72

Hymn 68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

Offertory

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660

Johann Sebastian Bach

HOLY EUCHARIST

For those who wish to participate in the Eucharist, come up to the choir pews as you are able, following the Offertory.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 340

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

The Dismissal

PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING

Officiant The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux, *Dean and Rector*

Lector Barry Coplin

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*

Jeremiah Mead, *Associate Director of Music*

Trinity Cathedral Choir

Notes on the Notes: This evening's voluntaries consist of four chorale preludes based on today's first hymn, the Advent hymn *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, or "Come now, Savior of the nations". As is the case for many Lutheran hymn tunes (referred to as chorales in the Lutheran tradition), it is based on a plainchant: *Veni redemptor gentium*.

These four chorale preludes vary greatly. The first by Buxtehude is simple and calm. The second by Bach (one of five settings of this tune that Bach wrote) is a short fughetta. The third by Reger treats the tune with lush Romantic harmonies. The postlude, another setting by Bach, is a rather rather quirky trio; typically, organ trios have two "treble" parts and a bass line. This trio, however, has two very active bass parts which accompany a highly ornamented version of the hymn tune in the top voice, making this piece unusually "bottom-heavy."