

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Conversion of St. Paul (observed)
Sunday, January 26, 2025 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

Prelude in B major, Op. 99, No. 2

Camille Saint-Saëns

All stand.

Opening sentences from Holy Scripture

BCP 61

Preces *sung by the Officiant and the choir*

William Smith

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.

All sit.

Psalm 111 *Anglican Chant by Richard Clark*

*O LORD, thy word *
endureth for ever in heaven.*

*Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another; *
thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.*

*They continue this day according to thine ordinance; *
for all things serve thee.*

*If my delight had not been in thy law, *
I should have perished in my trouble.*

*I will never forget thy commandments; *
for with them thou hast quickened me.*

*I am thine: O save me, *
for I have sought thy commandments.*

*The ungodly laid wait for me, to destroy me; *
but I will consider thy testimonies.*

*I see that all things come to an end; *
but thy commandment is exceeding broad.*

*LORD, what love have I unto thy law! *
all the day long is my study in it.*

*Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than
mine enemies; **

for they are ever with me.

*I have more understanding than my teachers; *
for thy testimonies are my study.*

*I am wiser than the aged; *
because I keep thy commandments.*

*I have refrained my feet from every evil way, *
that I may keep thy word.*

*I have not shrunk from thy judgments; *
for thou teachest me.*

*O how sweet are thy words unto my throat; *
yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth!*

*Through thy commandments I get understanding; *
therefore I hate all evil ways.*

*THY word is a lantern unto my feet, *
and a light unto my paths.*

*I have sworn, and am steadfastly purposed, *
to keep thy righteous judgments.*

*I am troubled above measure: *
quicken me, O LORD, according to thy word.*

*Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O LORD; *
and teach me thy judgments.*

*My soul is always in my hand; *
yet do I not forget thy law.*

*The ungodly have laid a snare for me; *
but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.*

*Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever; *
and why? they are the very joy of my heart.*

*I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes always, *
even unto the end.*

*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 Ecclesiasticus 39:1-10

He seeks out the wisdom of all the ancients, and is concerned with prophecies; he preserves the sayings of the famous and penetrates the subtleties of parables; he seeks out the hidden meanings of proverbs and is at home with the obscurities of parables. He serves among the great and appears before rulers; he travels in foreign lands and learns what is good and evil in the human lot. He sets his heart on rising early to seek the Lord who made him, and to petition the Most High; he opens his mouth in prayer and asks pardon for his sins.

If the great Lord is willing, he will be filled with the spirit of understanding; he will pour forth words of wisdom of his own and give thanks to the Lord in prayer. The Lord will direct his counsel and knowledge, as he meditates on his mysteries. He will show the wisdom of what he has learned, and will glory in the law of the Lord's covenant. Many will praise his understanding; it will never be blotted out. His memory will not disappear, and his name will live through all generations. Nations will speak of his wisdom, and the congregation will proclaim his praise.

All stand.

Hymn 255 We sing the glorious conquest *Munich*

All sit.

Magnificat in E *sung by the choir* *Herbert Murrill*

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.

The Second Lesson

Matthew 10:16-22

'See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Nunc dimittis in E *sung by the choir*

Herbert Murrill

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 *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

William Smith

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.

Collect for Mission

O Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

All sit.

The Lord's Prayer

Robert Stone

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.

Anthem

If ye love me

Philip Wilby

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; Even the spirit of truth.

Text: John 14:15-17

Suffrages and Collects

William Smith

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

O God, who by the preaching of thine apostle Paul hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace

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.

All stand.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 72

The Concluding Sentences from Holy Scripture

BCP 72

Hymn 256

A light from heaven shone around

Cornish

Offertory

Fugue in B major, Op. 99, No. 2

Camille Saint-Saëns

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 Judy Barger

Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, *Director of Music*
Jeremiah Mead, *Associate Director of Music*
Trinity Cathedral Choir

Notes on the Notes

The Saint-Saëns Prelude and Fugue in B major is one of the few organ pieces which bring to mind words like “cute” and “adorable,” but cute and adorable it is. The Prelude is highly melodic and lyrical, and the Fugue is a charming scherzo in three voices. (While very common on the piano, three-voice fugues are exceptionally rare on the organ, due to the availability of more limbs.) When compared to the grandiosity of other preludes and fugues by Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms, and Reger, Saint-Saëns seems to be deliberately taking this ubiquitous genre in a new, more modest direction.