

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

The Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle (observed)

February 23, 2025, 4 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.



1884
Legacy Society

Tonight's Evensong service is sung in honor of the members of the 1884 Legacy Society, who have committed to Trinity's future either with an endowment gift during their lifetime or through their estate planning.

Join us for a reception in Morrison Hall following the service.

PRELUDE

RHOSYMEDRE

Ralph Vaughan Williams

All stand.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 61

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir*

Philip Moore

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.

Officiant 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.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

All sit.

PSALM 33 *Anglican Chants by C.H.H. Parry and George C. Martin*

*REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; **

for it becometh well the just to be thankful.

*Praise the LORD with harp; **

sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.

*Sing unto the LORD a new song; **

sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.

*For the word of the LORD is true; **

and all his works are faithful.

*He loveth righteousness and judgment; **

the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

*By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; **

and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

*He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap; * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.*

*Let all the earth fear the LORD: **

stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.

*For he spake, and it was done; **

he commanded, and it stood fast.

*The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought, * and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of princes.*

*The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever, **

and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

*Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord JEHOVAH; * and blessed are the folk that he hath chosen to him, to be his inheritance.*

*The LORD looketh down from heaven, and beholdeth all the children of men; * from the habitation of his dwelling, he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.*

*He fashioneth all the hearts of them, * and understandeth all their works.*

*There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host; * neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.*

*A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man; **

neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

*Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, **

and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

*To deliver their soul from death, *
and to feed them in the time of dearth.*

*Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD; *
for he is our help and our shield.*

*For our heart shall rejoice in him; *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.*

*Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
like as we do put our trust in thee.*

*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

ACTS 1:15-26

Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) “For it is written in the book of Psalms,

‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

All stand.

HYMN 241

HEARKEN TO THE ANTHEM GLORIOUS

Laus Deo

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: MT. ST. ALBAN SERVICE *sung by the choir*

David Hogan

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

JOHN 15:1, 6-16

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name."

NUNC DIMITTIS: MT. ST. ALBAN SERVICE *sung by the choir*

David Hogan

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

Philip Moore

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Philip Moore

*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 Moore

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

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, 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.

A Collect for Aid against Perils

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.

All sit.

ANTHEM

MY EYES FOR BEAUTY PINE

Elizabeth and Thomas Coxhead

*My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddës grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
Tis named when Goddës name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.
Text by Robert Bridges*

All stand.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 72

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 72

HYMN 231

BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

King's Lynn

Verse 2 - St. Mathias

For one in place of Judas, the apostles sought God's choice:
the lot fell to Matthias for whom we now rejoice
May we like true apostles your holy Church defend
and not betray our calling but serve you to the end.

OFFERTORY

PRELUDE IN G, BWV 541

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

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The Rev. Danny Schiffler, Interim Vicar
Lector Richard Moore
Music Dr. Colin MacKnight, Director of Music
Jeremiah Mead, Associate Director of Music
Trinity Cathedral Choir

Notes on the Notes Washington National Cathedral commissioned David Hogan to write the Mt. St. Alban Service, which is now one of the quintessential American settings of the evensong canticles. The work demonstrates the strong influence of Herbert Howells while remaining refreshingly original. Sadly, Hogan died in a plane explosion (TWA Flight 800 off the coast of Long Island on July 17, 1996) at the age of just 47.

Elizabeth and Thomas Coxhead are siblings who co-composed tonight's anthem. The anthem hasn't a single accidental (a piece outside of the key) in the whole piece, demonstrating how beautiful and effective the simplest music can be.

Due to the recent winter storm, we have postponed this weekend's guest conductor Dr. Maxine Thévenot.



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