

EVENSONG

JUNE 20, 2021

ORIGINAL AIR DATE

THE EVE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 23, 2019

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL SCHOLA
OFFICIANT: THE REVEREND CANON MICHAEL KAEHR

DEAN: THE VERY REVEREND PENNY BRIDGES

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Canon Martin Green, *Organist & Director of Music*

Gabriel Arregui, *Sub-Organist & Assistant Choirmaster*

Emma Whitten, *guest organist*

Lucinda Parsons, *Usher in Charge*; Tom Simmons, Jim Witte, *Ushers*

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude on York
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE WELCOME

INTROIT

O Lux Beatissima
Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

O Lux beatissima, reple cordis intima tuorum fidelium. Sine tuo numine nihil est in homine, nihil est innocuum.

O most blessed light, fill the innermost hearts of your faithful. Without your power nothing is in man, nothing innocent.

– *Sequence to the Holy Spirit, 13th Century*

¶ *The tolling of the bell.*

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

I will bless the Lord who giveth me counsel; my heart teacheth me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not fall. *Psalms 16:7, 8*

PRECES

John Barnard (b. 1948)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

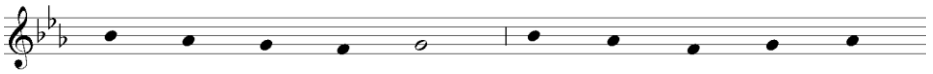
Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir **as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir **The Lord's name be praised.**




1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the
 2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are
 3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
 Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
 all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This melody may be sung in rhythmic form: 

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*

Music: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4; acc. Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

PSALM 103 *Benedic, anima mea* chant: *Davies* BCP 733

PRAISE the LORD, O my soul; * and all that is within me, praise his holy Name.

2 Praise the LORD, O my soul, * and forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin, * and healeth all thine in-firmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction, * and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, * making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment * for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He showed his ways unto Moses, * his works unto the children of Israel.

8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not always be chiding; * neither keepeth he his anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; * nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; * so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from 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.

FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTICUS 48:1-11

The First Lesson is read, the Reader may first say

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

THEN Elijah arose, a prophet like fire,
and his word burned like a torch.

2 He brought a famine upon them,
and by his zeal he made them few in number.

3 By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens,
and also three times brought down fire.

4 How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!
Whose glory is equal to yours?

5 You raised a corpse from death
and from Hades, by the word of the Most High.

6 You sent kings down to destruction,
and famous men, from their sickbeds.

7 You heard rebuke at Sinai
and judgments of vengeance at Horeb.

8 You anointed kings to inflict retribution,
and prophets to succeed you.

9 You were taken up by a whirlwind of fire,
in a chariot with horses of fire.

10 At the appointed time, it is written, you are destined
to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury,
to turn the hearts of parents to their children,
and to restore the tribes of Jacob.

11 Happy are those who saw you
and were adorned with your love!
For we also shall surely live.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

MAGNIFICAT *Short Service in F*

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

The Magnificat is Mary's song (Luke 1:46-55) responding to the declaration that the child she is to bear will fulfill the promises of the Hebrew Scriptures.

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 forever.
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.

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 19:23-30

The Second Lesson is read, the Reader may first say

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

THEN Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.”

Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

The Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS *Short Service in F*

Gibbons

The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32) who, before he dies, sees the Infant Jesus and holds him in his arms.

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

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.**

SALUTATION

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY

Barnard

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*choir*)

**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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

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.**

THE COLLECTS

THE COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence thy servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of thy Son our Savior by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and 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 MISSION

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.

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AT THE OFFERING, Anthem *Little Lamb* William Cutter
Little Lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the stream and o'er the mead: Little lamb who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee; Gave thee such a tender voice Making all the vales rejoice? Dost thou know who made thee? Little lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, for He calls Himself a Lamb – He is meek and mild; He became a little child. I a child and thou a lamb We are called by His name. Little lamb, God bless thee.

Text: William Blake (1757–1827)

CLOSING PRAYERS

Deacon Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, who didst say to thine Apostles, “Come ye apart into a desert place and rest awhile.” Grant to us, thy servants, so to seek thee whom our souls desire, that we may both find thee and be found of thee. And grant such wisdom to accompany the words and music heard in thy name, that they may be fruitful in leading us onward through our pilgrimage to the rest that remaineth to all people; through thy most holy name we pray. **Amen.**


O God, thou hast bound us together in a common life, may we live every day in thankfulness for thy many blessings, with trust in thy never-failing goodness and care for us, and in thy power to turn evil into good; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

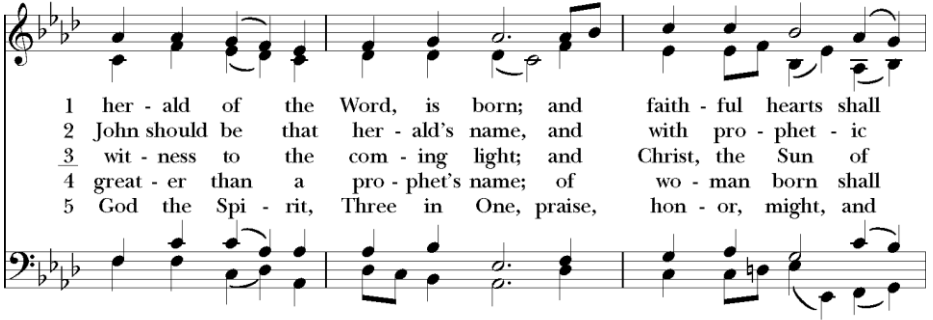
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THE TRUTH FROM ABOVE

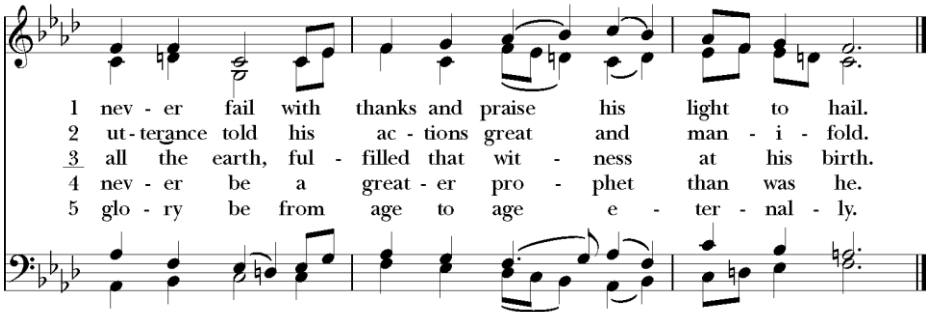
Unison or harmony



1 The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
 2 With heaven - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
 *3 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
 4 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
 *5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and



1 her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
 2 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
 3 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
 4 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
 5 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and



1 nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
 2 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
 3 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
 4 nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
 5 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

Words: The Venerable Bede (673-735); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: *The Truth From Above*, English melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir **Thanks be to God.**

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2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at <https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/>.

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Thank you!