

EVENSONG

JANUARY 23, 2022

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

ORIGINAL SERVICE DATE

JANUARY 27, 2019



SUNG BY: THE ST CECILIA CHOIR OF GIRLS AND MEN
OFFICIANT & DEAN: THE VERY REVEREND PENNY BRIDGES

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Sonata III in A major: Finale
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

THE WELCOME

INTROIT

Hail Gladdening Light
Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail, gladdening light,
of his pure glory poured,
who is the immortal Father,
heavenly, blest,
holiest of holies, Jesu Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the
sun's hour of rest,
the lights of evening round us shine,
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
with undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life alone;
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one,
but unto heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9:24

PRECES

Martin Neary (b. 1940)

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 Christ, you are both light and day, you drive a -
 2 We pray you, O most ho - ly Lord, to be our
 3 Al - though our eyes in sleep be closed, let hearts in
 4 De - fend - er of us all, look down; re - pel our
 *5 O Christ, Re - deem - er of the world, O God, our



1 way the sha - dowed night; as Day - star you pre -
 2 guard - ian while we sleep; be - stow on us who
 3 con - stant vi - gil watch; with your right hand you
 4 dread, ma - li - cious foe; di - rect your faith - ful
 5 Ma - ker and our end, O Spi - rit, bond of



1 cede the dawn, the Her - ald of the light to come.
 2 rest in you the bless - ing of a qui - et night.
 3 will pro - tect those who be - lieve and trust in you.
 4 house - hold, Lord, whom you have pur - chased with your blood.
 5 peace and love, to you be thanks and end - less praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; ver. *Hymnal 1982*. St. 5, Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: *Christe, qui Lux es et dies*, plainsong, Mode 2, *Maidlander Hymnen*, 15th cent.; acc. James McGregor (b. 1930)

PSALM 103 *Benedic, anima mea*

chant: H. Walford Davies

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 infirmities;

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 the east is from the west; * so far hath he set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; * even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.

14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; * he remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass; * for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; * and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear him; * and his righteousness upon children's children;

18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, * and think upon his commandments to do them.

19 The LORD hath prepared his seat in heaven, * and his kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the LORD, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; * ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

21 O praise the LORD, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

22 O speak good of the LORD, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: * praise thou 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.

FIRST READING

GENESIS 13:2-18

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

The First Lesson is read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. Now Lot, who was with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them living together; for their possessions were so great that they could not live together, there was strife between the herders of Abram's livestock and

the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the Lord had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastwards; thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the Lord.

After each Lesson the Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

MAGNIFICAT *in G*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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.

The second reading is taken from the New Testament which tells of the life and teaching of Jesus and the witness of the early Church.

*The Second Lesson is read, the Reader first saying
A Reading from the Gospel of John.*

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there such a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” 7The sick man answered, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, “It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat.” But he answered them, “The man who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your mat and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take it up and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who Jesus was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd. Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, “My Father is still working, and I also am working.” For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Jesus, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The Reader may say

Here ends the Reading.

NUNC DIMITTIS *in G*

Stanford

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 *(led by the Officiant and choir)*

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.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LESSER LITANY

Neary

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *Sung by the Choir, or by all on a monotone*

**Our Father, who 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 those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. 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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

GIVE US GRACE, O LORD, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; 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.

¶ *Please be seated for the anthem.*

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AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

Hymn to St Cecilia
Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,
in words of youth and praises of the Spring,
walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,
and sing as sunlight fills the waking day;
till angels, voyaging in upper air,
pause on a wing and gather the clear sound
into celestial joy, wound and unwound,
a silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,
in words of music, and each word a truth;
marriage of heart and longings that aspire,
a bond of roses, and a ring of fire.
Your summertime grows short and fades away,
terror must gather to a martyr's death;
but never tremble, the last indrawn breath
remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries,
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;
lend us a fragment of the immortal air,
that with your choiring angels we may share,
a word to light us thro' time-fettered night,
water of life, or rose of paradise,
so from the earth another song shall rise
to meet your own in heaven's long delight.

[Text : Ursula Vaughan Williams (1911-2007)]

CLOSING PRAYERS

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; 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.**

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **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.

HYMN 567

ST MATTHEW

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
strength, and sigh; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,



o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and
 blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and
 set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt.
 Music: *St. Matthew*, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.
Choir **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *Christe qui lux est et dies*

The offices are open for normal office hours and visitors may ask at the office to be let in to the cathedral. Most of the staff will continue to work at home for much of the time. Your continued financial support as we move through this crisis helps us pay our staff and other expenses of the church which do not stop.

A few notes about giving in this time:

1. You may continue to mail donations. Mail them to 2728 Sixth Ave, San Diego, CA 92103. Staff will continue to process mail donations.
2. We encourage you to consider moving to online giving at <https://stpaulcathedral.org/give/>.

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Thank you!