

EVENSONG

WITH INVESTITURE AND RECOGNITION

OF CHORISTERS

January 28, 2024

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

(transferred)

FIVE O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING



SUNG BY: THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS & CATHEDRAL SCHOLA

OFFICIANT & DEAN: THE VERY REV. PENNY BRIDGES

LECTOR: KATHRYN BUNCH

The Rev. Canon Brooks Mason, *Canon Liturgist*
Canon Martin Green, *Organist & Director of Music*

Gabriel Arregui, *Assistant Organist*

Canon Lucinda Parsons, *Head Usher*

Bob Longstreth, Tom Simmons, *Ushers*

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<http://www.stpaulcathedral.org/watch>

*If you're interested in more information about the cathedral's ministries,
we would like to hear from you: <http://stpaulcathedral.org/im-new/>*

This service is being streamed live and if you don't wish to be seen on camera, please ask an usher for appropriate seating.

St. Paul's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value the knowledge, culture, and worldview of Indigenous people. We commit to the vital work of educating ourselves, increasing community awareness, and promoting reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbors. As we examine actions and practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous communities, we pledge to work toward a meaningful and respectful relationship as we follow their example in honoring this sacred land.

Approved by the Cathedral Chapter, May 2023

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

INTROIT

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is. Blest is the man that trusteth in him. *[text: Psalm 34:8]*

¶ *Please stand as you are able at the tolling of the bell.*

¶ *Standing in front of the altar with the chorister(s) to be admitted, the Choirmaster says:*
I have found these/this boy(s)/girl(s) to have sufficient musical knowledge to be admitted
as (a) full chorister(s) of this Cathedral.

¶ *The Dean asks the following questions of the chorister(s):*

Do you desire to be admitted as a Chorister of this Cathedral?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to be faithful to the duties of this office?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to be reverent in all your conduct within this Cathedral?

Answer: I do.

¶ *The Dean then addresses the chorister(s):*

Remember well that what you sing with your lips you believe in your hearts, and what you believe in your hearts, you practice in your lives, and may God grant you grace so to worship and serve on earth, that the praises you sing may echo eternally among the redeemed in heaven.

People: **AMEN.**

¶ *The Choirmaster then places the surplice on each new Chorister. The Dean then addresses each one, saying:*

N.____, I admit you to the choir of this Cathedral, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

AMEN.

Recognition of Senior Chorister

¶ *The Dean may add the following prayer:*

Sing, rejoice, and be glad. Praise the Lord with a merry voice, and delight him with true melody in your hearts; and the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore.

AMEN.

¶ *The newly invested choristers take their place in the choir. The Office continues with the Opening Sentence.*

OPENING SENTENCE (*Officiant*)

PRECES

William Smith (1603-1645)

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.

¶ *Please remain standing.*

OFFICE HYMN 25

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

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
 lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
 Son of 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 hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*. Copyright © The Church Pension Fund.
 Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982.

¶ Please be seated.

Psalm 119:105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis.*

chant: F. Ouseley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway, * 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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:18-25

The first reading is taken from the Hebrew Scriptures.

¶ Please stand as you are able.

MAGNIFICAT in C

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.

¶ *Please be seated.*

SECOND READING

Acts 9:1-22

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.

¶ *Please stand as you are able.*

NUNC DIMITTIS in C

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.

¶ Please remain standing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Monotoned by all*)

**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 (choir)

Smith

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (choir)

Our Father, who 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.
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 CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

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.**

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.

Offerings at Evensong directly support ministries at the Cathedral. See page 10.

AT THE OFFERING, Anthem

Thy word is a lantern
Henry Purcell (c. 1659-1695)

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 freewill offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments. The ungodly have laid a snare for me: but yet I swerved not from thy commandments. Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage forever: they are the very joy of my heart. Hallelujah.

[Psalm 119:105-108, 110-111]

THE WELCOME

¶ Please stand as you are able.

CLOSING PRAYERS

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.**

¶ Please remain standing.

HYMN 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

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

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

If you choose not to remain for the Organ Voluntary, please leave quietly out of respect for those who would like to stay and listen or pray for a while. Thank you.

You may give online now by using your phone's camera to scan the quick response code:



or text stpaulcathedral to 73256 using your cell phone. Thank you!

In the unlikely event of an emergency requiring us to evacuate the cathedral please follow the directions of the ushers and vergers, and remain as quiet and calm as possible.

The exit doors are:

- *South porch doors at Nutmeg Street and Fifth Avenue*
- *North porch doors to Fifth Avenue Courtyard*
- *South transept east and west doors to Nutmeg Street*
- *Northeast hallway door to Fifth Avenue breezeway*
- *West chapel (to the left of chapel altar) stairs leading down to landing.*

Please locate an exit nearest you.



The Conversion of Saul

"On the road to Damascus" from St Paul's Cathedral Pauline windows medallion in second window from the east in south aisle.

Paul sees a blinding bright light and hears the voice of Jesus. (*Acts 9:1-9*)

Each window in the Pauline window series contains three medallions, or scenes portraying an event in the life of St Paul, the patron saint of our cathedral.

At the top of each window, an open book displays the motto *Spiritus Gladius* (the sword of the spirit) – see Ephesians 6:10-17.