



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025, 4 p.m.

Choral Evensong with Holy Eucharist

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 **PRIÈRE À NOTRE DAME, FROM SUITE GOTHIQUE, Op. 25** *Léon Boëllmann*
All stand.

OPENING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE **BCP 61**

PRECES *Sung by the Officiant and the choir* *Kenneth Leighton*

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.*
All sit.

PSALM 103 *Benedic anima mea Domino* *Ivor Atkins*
*Praise the LORD, O my soul **
and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
*Praise the LORD, O my soul * and forget not all his benefits;*
*Who forgiveth all thy sin * and healeth all thine infirmities;*
*Who saveth thy life from destruction **
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

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

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

*He shewed his ways unto Moses *
his works unto the children of Israel.*

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

*He will not alway be chiding *
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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
words.*

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

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.*

THE FIRST LESSON

WISDOM 1:1-15

Love righteousness, you rulers of the earth, think of the LORD in goodness and seek him with sincerity of heart; because he is found by those who do not put him to the test, and manifests himself to those who do not distrust him. For perverse thoughts separate people from God, and when his power is tested, it exposes the foolish; because wisdom will not enter a deceitful soul, or dwell in a body enslaved to sin. For a holy and disciplined spirit will flee from deceit, and will leave foolish thoughts behind, and will be ashamed at the approach of unrighteousness.

For wisdom is a kindly spirit, but will not free blasphemers from the guilt of their words; because God is witness of their inmost feelings, and a true observer of their hearts, and a hearer of their tongues. Because the spirit of the Lord has filled the world, and that which holds all things together knows what is said, therefore those who utter unrighteous things will not escape notice, and justice, when it punishes, will not pass them by. For inquiry will be made into the counsels of the ungodly, and a report of their words will come to the Lord, to convict them of their lawless deeds; because a jealous ear hears all things, and the sound of grumbling does not go unheard. Beware then of useless grumbling, and keep your tongue from slander; because no secret word is without result, and a lying mouth destroys the soul.

Do not invite death by the error of your life, or bring on destruction by the works of your hands; because God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things so that they might exist; the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

All stand.

All sit.

MAGNIFICAT: THE SECOND SERVICE *sung by the choir*

Orlando Gibbons

Soloists: Paige Cullins, Anna Squire, Carolina Kipnis, Stephanie Smittle, Grady McCoy, John Willis, Alan Rackley, Josiah Wheeler

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 7:15-29

Jesus said, ‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone

who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

NUNC DIMITTIS: THE SECOND SERVICE *sung by the choir* Orlando Gibbons

Soloists: Paige Cullins, Anna Squire, Carolina Kipnis, Stephanie Smittle, Grady McCoy, John Willis, Alan Rackley, Josiah Wheeler

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;**

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.

The people stand or kneel.

The following are sung by the Officiant and the choir.

SALUTATION

Kenneth Leighton

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

Kenneth Leighton

Cantor Our Father,

Choir 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

Kenneth Leighton

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 Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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 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 BELOVED SPAKE

Patrick Hadley

*My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of birds is come,
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

Text: Song of Solomon 2:10-13

All stand.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

BCP 72

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCES FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

BCP 72

HYMN 24

THE DAY THOU GAVEST, LORD, IS ENDED

St. Clement

OFFERTORY

ALLEGRO MODERATO E MAESTOSO IN C

Felix Mendelssohn

THE 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 Rev. Thomas Alexander, *Curate*

Lector Barry Coplin

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

Notes on the notes: Patrick Hadley is a two-hit wonder, known almost exclusively for this evening's anthem, *My beloved spake*, and his Marian Christmas anthem *I sing of a maiden*. Both Patrick and his brother Peyton served in World War One, and both were wounded in the final months of the war. Patrick's wound necessitated the amputation of his lower right leg. Even worse, Peyton eventually died of pneumonia related to his wound.

Gibbons's Second Service is a substantial Magnificat and Nunc dimittis scored for five-part choir and eight soloists. It is in the style of a verse anthem, meaning it alternates between verses sung by soloists and tutti passages sung by the full choir.