

All Saints Choral Evensong



Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Prelude

Loth to depart
O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen
(O How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils Are Ended)

Giles Farnaby (1560-1640)
Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Welcome

Opening Sentence

Officiant: God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

Officiant: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

***All:* Holy and gracious God, I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.**

Officiant: By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, in whom we are forgiven. We rest now in the peace of Christ and rise in the morning to serve.

The Invitatory and Psalter

The choir sings.

Opening Preces

setting: Rachel Aarons

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.

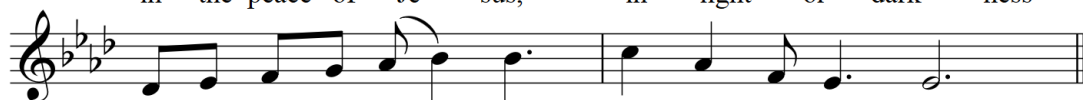
Hymn



1. Christ, might - y Sav - ior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the day - time
 2. Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting, mir - ror of day - break,
 3. There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly chant - ing
 4. Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion, that you may grant us
 5. Through bod - ies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vig - il, for - ev - er rest - ing



ra - dant with the sun - light and to the night_ give
 pledge of res - ur - rect - tion; while in the heav - ens
 ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all crea - a - tion
 par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak_ hearts,
 in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the heav - ens.
 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
 join - ing hearts and voic - es, sing - ing your glo - ry.
 rest for ach - ing bod - ies, sooth - ing the wear - ry.
 wor - ship - ing our Sav - ior now and for - ev - er.

Text: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan McDougall, 1895-1964; para. Anne LeCroy, b. 1930
 Music: Richard W. Dirksen, 1921-2003

The choir sings.

Psalm 34 *Benedicam Domino*

setting: C.F. South

- 1 I will always give thanks unto the Lord
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.
- 3 O praise the Lord with me
and let us magnify his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he heard me
yea he delivered me out of all my fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him and were lightened
and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 Lo the poor crieth and the Lord heareth him
yea and saveth him out of all his troubles;
- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them
that fear him and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

- 9 O fear the Lord ye that are his saints
for they that fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions do lack and suffer hunger
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
- 22 The Lord delivereth th souls of his servants
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

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

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The choir sings.

Canticle The Song of Mary *Magnificat* setting: George Dyson
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

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The choir sings.

Canticle The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis* setting: George Dyson
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

Officiant and People together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Suffrages

- Officiant* O Lord, show 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 hears within us.
- Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

Officiant Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Officiant Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

The Anthem

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress
thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good
will, my soul, be still, compose thee.

Be true in all endeavor, and ever do
bravely; what God decrees brings joy
and peace, He'll stay thee.
Amen.

Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow
will bring thee God's help benign
and grace sublime in mercy.

Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee, Op. 30
Words: Paul Flemming (1609-1640), trans. Walter e. Buszin
Music: Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Closing Prayers

Officiant and People read in unison.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for you creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let you holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

All: **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Grace

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All: Amen.

Hymn

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

Postlude

from *Sonata IV, op. 65*
IV. Allegro maestoso e vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Officiant

The Rev. Connie A. Miller

Director of Music

Dr. Alain Truche

Choir

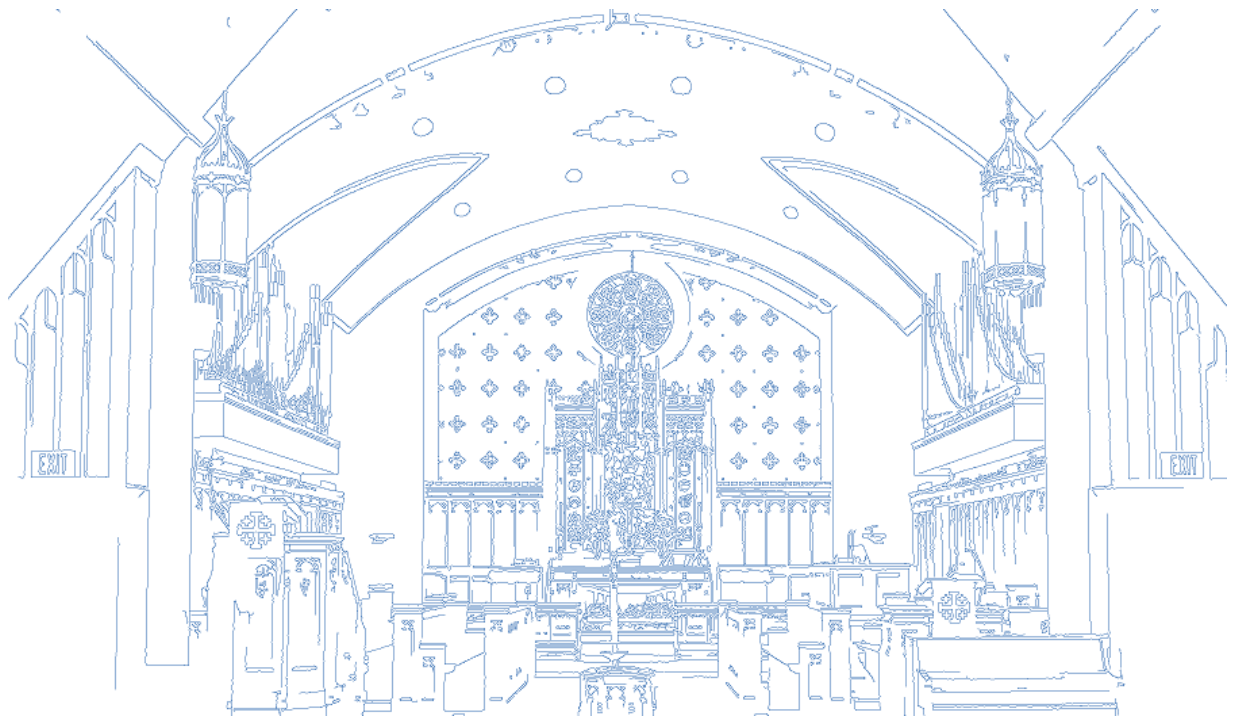
Schola Cantorum

Reader

Sarah Pfanz, Tacy Downing



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