

All Saints Choral Evensong



Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

9100 Colesville Road

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About Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong offers an opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith.

Traditionally, Choral Evensong is based on the services held daily in the medieval Church. The service is arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England has been sung regularly since the sixteenth century.

In Choral Evensong the choir sings on “behalf of” the congregation. The settings of the Canticles of Mary (Magnificat) and Simeon (Nunc dimittis) are sung by the choir alone. The Suffrages (Preces) and the Responses between the Officiant and People are also sung between the Officiant and Choir on behalf of the people. This allows the congregation time to meditate and enter into deeper prayer through words and music. The congregation participates in the singing of the hymns, the Apostle’s Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer. It is also customary for the choir to offer an anthem suited to the mood of the day.

Prelude

from *Premier livre d'orgue, suite du 1er Ton*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault (1676-1749)

Fugue
Trio
Récits

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: Richard Shephard

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.

Phos Hilaron

David Dahl (b. 1937)

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in Heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed. Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing thy praises O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O giver of life, and to be gloried through all the worlds.

The choir sings.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum*

Anglican Chant by Marcus Ritchie

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. 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.

Hymn—ELW 569

The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended



1 The day you gave us, Lord, has end - ed;
2 We thank you that your church, un - sleep - ing
3 As to each con - ti - nent and is - land
4 The sun, here hav - ing set, is wak - ing
5 So be it, Lord; your realm shall nev - er,



the dark - ness falls at your be - hest.
while earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
the dawn leads on an - oth - er day,
your chil - dren un - der west - ern skies,
like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To you our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
through all the world its watch is keep - ing,
the voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
and hour by hour, as day is break - ing,
but stand and grow and rule for - ev - er,



your praise shall hal - low now our rest.
and nev - er rests by day or night.
nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
fresh hymns of thank - ful praise a - rise.
till all your crea - tures own your sway.

The choir sings.

Canticle The Song of Mary

Magnificat

setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams

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: Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

Our Father which 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 them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil. Amen.

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 hearts 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

And I Saw A New Heaven

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; And there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, Coming down from God out of heaven, Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.	And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, Neither shall there be any more pain, For the former things are passed away.
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And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
And he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
And God himself shall be with them and be their God.

Words: Revelation 21:1-4

Music: Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

Closing Prayers

Officiant and People read in unison.

Almighty God, giver of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your 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.

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All 1 Re-joyce, ye pure in_ heart! Re_ joice, give thanks, and
Men 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of_
Women 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias_
All 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant-ing as ye_
Men 5 Still lift your stand ar - d high, still march in firm ar -



sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the_
 earth, pour out the strains of joy_ and bliss, true
 loud; while an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like_
 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in_
 ray, as_ war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till_



cross of Christ your King. Ho - sa - na, ho -
 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 glad - ness and in_ woe.
 dawns the gold - en_ day.



san - na! Re - joice, give_ thanks, and sing.

Women

6. At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.
 Hosanna, hosanna!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

All

7. Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high,
 The cross of Christ your King.
 Hosanna, hosanna!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Postlude

Litanies

Jean Alain (1911-1940)

Officiant

The Rev. Connie A. Miller

Director of Music

Dr. Alain Truche

Choirs

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Choristers

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Grace Oh

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