



Choral Evensong

June 9, 2024 4 pm

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church

*Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as incense,
and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice. ~ Psalm 141:2*

Please silence all cell phones to enjoy the serenity of this evening's Evensong without distraction.

Prelude "Praeambulum" by H. Scheidemann

Opening Hymn: #35 Christ, mighty savior *The Hymnal 1982*

Opening Sentence

Presider Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider Almighty and most merciful God,
People we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Presider The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Preces, sung by the Presider and the Choir

setting by John Amner

Presider O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Presider O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Presider 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.

Presider Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

The Psalm, 121 (*all are encouraged to sing*)



1 I lift up my eyes ' to the ' hills; *
from ' where is my ' help to ' come?

2 My help ' comes from the ' Lord, *
the ' maker of ' heaven and ' earth.

3 He will not let your ' foot be ' moved *
and he who watches over you ' will not ' fall a- ' sleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch ' over ' Israel *
shall ' neither ' slumber nor ' sleep.

5 The Lord himself watches ' over ' you; *
the Lord is your ' shade at ' your right ' hand.

6 So that the sun shall not ' strike you by ' day, *
nor the ' moon ' by ' night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you ' from all ' evil; *
it is ' he who shall ' keep you ' safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your ' coming ' in, *
from this time ' forth for ' ever- ' more.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son, *
and ' to the ' Holy ' Spirit.

As it was in the be- ' ginning is ' now, *
and ' will be for ' ever. A- ' men.

A Lesson – Genesis 3:8-15

John Perkins

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Magnificat, *sung by the Choir*

setting by Carolus Andreas

*My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
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.

A Lesson – 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

John Perkins

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis, sung by the Choir

setting by Carolus Andreas

*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

Presider Let us pray together the words of the Apostle's Creed.
People

**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 Prayers, sung by the Presider and the Choir

Presider The Lord be with you
Choir and with Thy Spirit.

Presider Let us pray.
Lord have mercy upon us.
Choir *Christ have mercy upon us.*
Lord have mercy upon us.
Together *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.
Amen.

Presider O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir *And grant us thy salvation.*
Presider O Lord, keep this nation under thy care.
Choir *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*
Presider Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir *And make thy chosen people joyful!*
Presider O Lord, save thy people.
Choir *And bless thine inheritance.*
Presider Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*
Presider O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Collects

Presider Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider 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.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir *Amen.*

Presider 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.

Choir Amen.

Anthem: "Sing Gently" by Eric Whitacre

*May we sing together, always.
May our voice be soft.
May our singing be music for others
and may it keep others aloft.*

*May we stand together, always.
May our voice be strong.
May we hear the singing and
May we always sing along.*

*Sing gently, always.
Sing gently as one.*

*Sing gently, always.
Sing gently as one.*

The General Thanksgiving

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God,
People **Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: "Hail, gladdening light" by John Stainer (see next page)

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1 Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glo - ry poured

who is the immortal Fa - ther, heaven - ly, blest,

ho - li - est of ho - lies, Je - sus Christ our Lord.

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2 Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,

the lights of eve - ning round us shine,

we hymn the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit di - vine.

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3 Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with un - de - fi - led

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tongue, Son of our God, gi-ver of life, a - lone:

there-fore in all the world thy glo-ries, Lord, they own.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Presider Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People Amen.

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: #46

The duteous day now closeth

The Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Double Fantasia” by Orlando Gibbons

Serving at Evensong

Presider: The Rev. Deacon Corey Walmer
 Music Director: Dr. Christina Edelen
 Musicians: The St. Bart’s Choir
 Lector: John Perkins
 Ushers: Basil Souder, Pal Covie
 A/V: Joe Michaud