



**Choral Evensong**  
**The Last Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 22, 2020 · 5:00 pm**

**Order of Service**

**Prelude**

Rhapsody no 1 in D flat

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*Please stand at the entrance of the ministers*

**Greeting & Notices**

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*Let us with gladness present the alms and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.*

**Sentence**

*Officiant*            The day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

**Opening Responses** *[sung by the choir]*

Plainsong

*Cantor*            O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Response*        And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Cantor*            O God, make speed to save us.

*Response*        O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor*            Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;



*Response* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord.

*Response* The Lord's name be praised.

*Please sit for the Psalm*

**Psalm 145: 1 -8** *[sung by the choir]*

Chant: Hopkins

I will magnify thee, O God, my King : and I will praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Every day will I give thanks unto thee : and praise thy Name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and marvellous worthy to be praised : there is no end of his greatness.  
One generation shall praise thy works unto another : and declare thy power.  
As for me, I will be talking of thy worship : thy glory, thy praise, and wondrous works;  
So that men shall speak of the might of thy marvellous acts : and I will also tell of thy greatness.  
The memorial of thine abundant kindness shall be shewed : and men shall sing of thy  
righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering and of great goodness.

*[stand]* 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 Lesson** *(Zechariah 9:9-16)*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.



For I have bent Judah as my bow;  
I have made Ephraim its arrow.  
I will arouse your sons, O Zion,  
against your sons, O Greece,  
and wield you like a warrior's sword.

Then the Lord will appear over them,  
and his arrow go forth like lightning;  
the Lord God will sound the trumpet  
and march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.  
The Lord of hosts will protect them,  
and they shall devour and tread down the slingers;  
they shall drink their blood like wine,  
and be full like a bowl,  
drenched like the corners of the altar.

On that day the Lord their God will save them  
for they are the flock of his people;  
for like the jewels of a crown  
they shall shine on his land.

Here ends the first Lesson.

**Magnificat** [*sung by the choir*]

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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.

*[stand]* 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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55  
Music: Evening Service in G *Sumsion*

### **Second Lesson** (*1 Peter 3:13-22*)

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Here ends the second Lesson.

### **Nunc dimittis** [*sung by the choir*]

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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.

*[stand]* 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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32  
Music: Evening Service in G *Sumsion*



**The Apostles' Creed** [*stand and turn East*]

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*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  $\otimes$  resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

*The choir sings*

Hitel

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.

*Response* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor* Let us pray.

*Please kneel*

*Cantor* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Response* Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Cantor* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, 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.

*Cantor* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*Response* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor* O Lord, save the State.



*Response* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Response* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Response* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Response* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Response* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect for the Day**

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Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The 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 both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### **The Collect for Aid against All 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.

### **Homily**

The Rev. Terry Elsberry



## **Anthem**

Sing for the morning's joy, Cecilia, sing,  
In words of youth and praises of the Spring,  
Walk the bright colonnades by fountains' spray,  
And sing as sunlight fills the waking day;  
Till angels, voyaging in upper air,  
Pause on a wing and gather the clear sound  
Into celestial joy, wound and unwound,  
A silver chain, or golden as your hair.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth,  
In words of music, and each word a truth;  
Marriage of heart and longings that aspire,  
A bond of roses, and a ring of fire.  
Your summertime grows short and fades away,  
Terror must gather to a martyr's death;  
But never tremble, the last indrawn breath  
Remembers music as an echo may.

Through the cold aftermath of centuries,  
Cecilia's music dances in the skies;  
Lend us a fragment of the immortal air,  
That with your choiring angels we may share,  
A word to light us thro' time-fettered night,  
Water of life, or rose of paradise,  
So from the earth another song shall rise  
To meet your own in heaven's long delight.

Words: Ursula Vaughan Williams

Music: Herbert Howells

## **Intercessions** [*kneel or stand*]

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

For those in our nation suffering under injustice;

For all infected with the coronavirus, all who care for them, and all who work for  
a cure;



For Neighbor to Neighbor, which faithfully serves our community, and for all people who suffer from hunger and poverty;

For our partners in faith... **Sacred Heart Church in Greenwich, the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the Episcopal Church of Cuba**, and in the Anglican cycle of prayer, **the Church of Bermuda...** for all bishops, clergy and people;

We pray for the 46 students at Oljoro Secondary School in Tanzania taking the national exam tomorrow (Nov. 23). This school is part of Christ Church's mission work there.

For those participating in the Bible Challenge,

For those who have been commended to us, especially **Jared Coffin, Courtney, Faith, Isabel, Suzy, Alan, Richard Elliott, Lauren Jean, Colleen, Douglas Robinson, Carmine, Declan Byrne, Harry and Betty Twitchell, Peter and Sudie Blanchard, John Robinson, Katherine...**

For those who have died...

and for those in whose memory the altar flowers are given today: **Emily Moore Wright, Kenneth M. Wright, Thomas Lee Mahan, Clifton W. Ragsdale, Jerre Nelson Fitts, Joseph W. Hotchkiss.**

And we pray for all those whom we name now, either silently or aloud...

*[The people may add their own prayers and thanksgivings.]*

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ hast destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to life: Grant that we, being raised together with him, may know the comfort and strength of his presence, and rejoice in hope of thy everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

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. **Amen.**



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

**Hymn**

*Gopsal*

*[Sung by the choir. Viewers from home are invited to join in singing. Those attending the service in-person are asked to refrain from singing.]*

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

*Refrain:    Lift up your heart! lift up your voice!  
              Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!*

The Lord the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love:  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

*Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.

*Refrain*

*Officiant*            The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Voluntary**

Flourish for a bidding

Herbert Howells

*During the voluntary, the ministers depart.*



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<i>Director of Music</i>	Jamie Hitel
<i>Associate Director of Music</i>	Jonathan Vaughn
<i>Choir</i>	Choir of Men & Girls
<i>Lector</i>	Dominic Casserley

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God...*

*by Emily Ragsdale,*

*in memory of Emily Moore Wright, Kenneth M. Wright, Thomas Lee Mahan, Clifton W. Ragsdale;*

*in loving memory of Jerre Nelson Fitts, by the Fitts family;*

*in loving memory of Joseph W. Hotchkiss by his family.*