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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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It is a great pleasure to welcome you to St. James' Church. If you do not already have a church home we invite you to worship with us as often as you would like and to consider joining our parish family.

Evensong in an Anglican Church is a magnificent act of worship. Sung daily since the sixteenth century, this service is one piece of the total worship of God offered by Christian people at every hour of the day and night in every part of the world.

Drawn almost entirely from the Bible, its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshiper a response of praise, penitence, prayer and obedience.

This is a service of Choral Evensong in which much of the music is sung by the choir to classical and often elaborate settings dating from the time of the English Reformation (and earlier) to the present day. The form of our worship is drawn from the first Prayer Book of King Edward VI (1549) and subsequent revisions. We invite you to join silently in worship with the choir, while they sing the prayers, Psalms, canticles, responses and other music. Please join the choir in singing the hymns, the Creed, and in adding the *Amen* to the spoken prayers.



Organ Voluntary La Vallée de Béhorléguy au matin

Joseph-Ermend Bonnal (1880-1944)

All stand as the procession enters the church.

Preces

- *V.* O Lord, open thou our lips;
- *R.* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
- *V.* O God, make speed to save us;
- R. O Lord, make haste to help us.
- V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
- R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- *V.* Praise ye the Lord;
- R. The Lord's Name be praised.

Text: Book of Common Prayer 1549, 1662

Music: Bernard Rose (1916-1996)

The congregation shall be seated for the singing of the psalm. All stand for the Gloria Patri at the end of the psalm.

Psalm 24 Domini est terra

The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him, even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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.

Text: Translation by Miles Coverdale (c. 1487-1569) **Music:** Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)

The congregation shall remain seated for the lesson.

The First Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6

*The Lector announces the lesson*A lesson from the Prophet Isaiah beginning at the 1st verse of the 60th chapter.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.

The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord.

The Lector concludes the lesson Here endeth the lesson.

The congregation shall stand for the Magnificat.

Canticle Magnificat

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.

Text: Luke 1:46-55, Book of Common Prayer 1662 **Music:** *Evening Service for Gloucester Cathedral* by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The congregation shall be seated for the lesson.

The Second Lesson John 1:26-34

*The Lector announces the lesson*A lesson from the Gospel of Johh beginning at the 26tht verse of the 1st chapter.

John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.

These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

The Lector concludes the lesson Here endeth the lesson.

The congregation shall stand for the Nunc Dimittis.

Canticle Nunc Dimittis

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.

Text: Luke 2:29-32, Book of Common Prayer 1662 **Music:** *Evening Service for Gloucester Cathedral* by Herbert Howells

The congregation shall join in the Apostles' Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

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 and Responses

- *V.* The Lord be with you.
- *R.* And with thy spirit.
- *V*. Let us pray.

The congregation shall kneel for the Prayers and Responses sung by the choir to a setting by Bernard Rose.

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,
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.

- *V.* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
- *R*. And grant us thy salvation.
- *V.* O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- *V.* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- *R.* And bless thine inheritance.
- *V.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O Lord.
- *V.* O Lord, make clean our heart within us.
- *R*. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Cantor then sings three Collects to which the choir responds Amen.

A Collect for Sundays

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. 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 the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. Amen.

The congregation shall stand for the singing of the hymn.

Hymn 31 Most holy God, the Lord of heaven



Text: Latin; tr. Ann K. LeCroy (b. 1930)

Music: Dunedin, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985); descant by James Buonemani (b. 1956)

Welcome The Rev'd Dr. Kate Cress, Rector

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Anthem Jesu, the very thought of thee

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find, a sweeter sound than Jesus' Name, the Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who ask how kind thou art: how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity. Amen.

Text: Latin, 12th cent., stanza 5, Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878), alt. **Music:** *Windsor*, melody William Damon (1540?-1591?); arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

The congregation shall kneel for the Prayers and Intercessions, concluding with the General Thanksgiving, said by all.

The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, 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 all people. 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.

Hymn 432 O praise ye the Lord!



Text: Henry Williams Barker 1821-1877), alt. based on Psalms 148 & 150 **Music:** *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918); stanza 4, harm. by David Willcocks (1919-2015)

The Blessing

Open wide, O Lord, the gates of heaven, and visit thy people in peace; send forth thy Spirit from on high, that their hearts may be uplifted unto thee;

O Lord, who for our sake wast of a virgin born, make holy thy people, and bless thine heritage.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and abide with you for ever. *Amen*.

The congregation may kneel (or sit) as the choir sings the following motet in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Motet Ave Maria

Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariae et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.

Maria dixit: Ecce ancilla Domini Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum.

Et verbum caro factum est Et habitavit in nobis.

Ave Maria ...

Ave Maria ...

Sancta Maria, mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus. Sancta Maria, ora pro nobis nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen. The Angel of the Lord announced to Mary And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Mary said: Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Do to me according to your word.

Hail Mary ...

And the Word was made flesh And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary ...

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Text: From the Angelus prayer & Luke 1:28, 42; Catechism of the Council of Trent (1545-1563) **Music:** Franz Biebl (1906-2001)

The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

All stand for the procession of the ministers out of the church.

Organ Voluntary Fugue and Chorale from "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"

Heinrich Reimann (1850-1906)

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