



SAINT MARK'S
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CHORAL EVENSONG

THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (TR.)

June 1, 2025

4:30 PM

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When you experience Evensong, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and humankind which began long before you were born and which will continue long after your death. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

—adapted from the Evensong bulletin of Saint Paul's Cathedral, London

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To those present in the cathedral nave, and to those joining from near and far via livestream, welcome to this service of Choral Evensong. Please be aware that incense will be used. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please stand as you are able for the procession of choir and other ministers.

AT THE PROCESSION Organ improvisation

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by William Smith (1603–1645)

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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

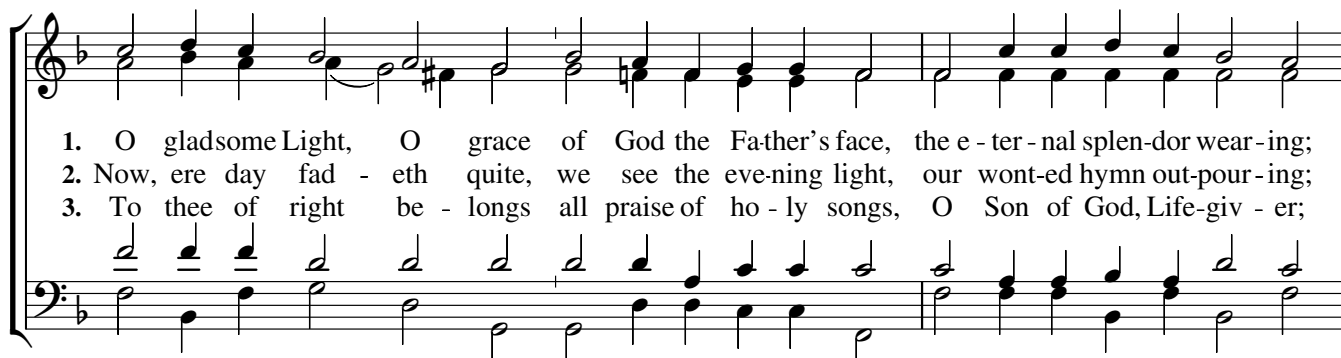
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

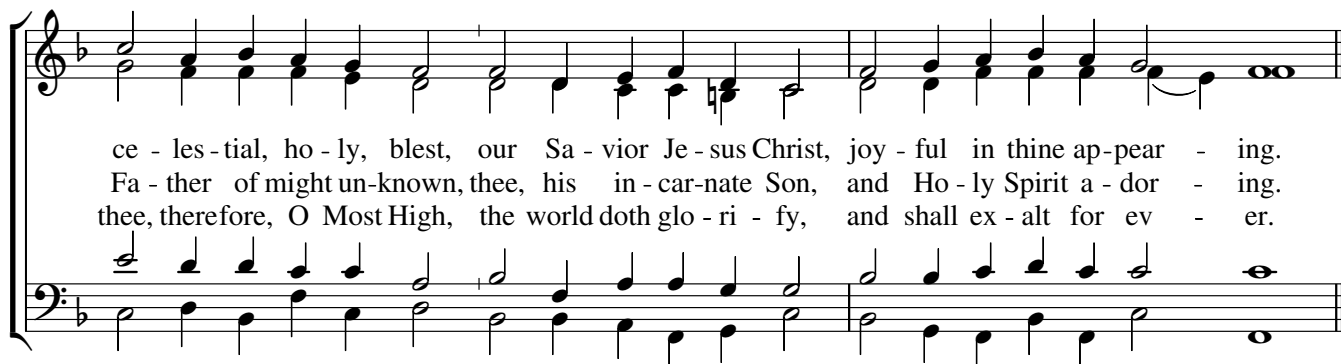
Praise ye the Lord.

PHOS HILARON *O gracious light ♦ sung by all, standing as able*

Le Cantique de Siméon



1. O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the e - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing;
2. Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve-ning light, our wont-ed hymn out-pour - ing;
3. To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs, O Son of God, Life-giv - er;



ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest, our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap-pear - ing.
Fa - ther of might un-known, thee, his in - car-nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 147 ♦ Laudate Dominum*

Anglican Chant (Frederick A. Gore Ouseley)

Chanted by the choir.

HALLELUJAH!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
 he gathers the exiles of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted *
 and binds up their wounds.
He counts the number of the stars *
 and calls them all by their names.
Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
 there is no limit to his wisdom.
The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
 but casts the wicked to the ground.
Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
 make music to our God upon the harp.
He covers the heavens with clouds *
 and prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
 and green plants to serve mankind.
He provides food for flocks and herds *
 and for the young ravens when they cry.
He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
 he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
 in those who await his gracious favor.
Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
 praise your God, O Zion;
For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
 he has blessed your children within you.
He has established peace on your borders; *
 he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
He sends out his command to the earth, *
 and his word runs very swiftly.
He gives snow like wool; *
 he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
 who can stand against his cold?
He sends forth his word and melts them; *
 he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
He declares his word to Jacob, *
 his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
He has not done so to any other nation; *
 to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

Please remain seated.

READING *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

HANNAH prayed and said,
‘My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

‘There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honour.
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,
and on them he has set the world.

‘He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.’ ♦

Please stand, as able.

CANTICLE *Luke 1:46–55 [The Song of Mary] ♦ sung by the choir*
Magnificat

MUSIC: Harold Friedell (Service in F)

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.

Please be seated.

READING *Luke 1:39-57*

IN THOSE days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said,
'My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ♦

Please stand, as able.

CANTICLE *Luke 2:29–32 [The Song of Simeon] ♦ sung by the Choir*

MUSIC: Friedell

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *chanted by all on a monotone, standing as able*

Officiant I believe in God,

All the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 PRAYERS

SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY *sung by the Officiant and choir*

setting by William Smith

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *chanted by all on a monotone, standing or kneeling*

Officiant Our Father,

All 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.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Smith

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 FEAST OF THE VISITATION

Officiant FATHER in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant MOST holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant KEEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your 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 your love's sake.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM

Ave Maris Stella

WORDS: Vesper hymn, ca. 9th century; MUSIC: Edvard Grieg

*Ave, maris stella,
Dei Mater alma,
Atque semper Virgo,
Felix caeli porta.*

Hail, star of the sea,
loving Mother of God,
ever a virgin,
blessed gate of heaven.

*Solve vincla reis,
Profer lumen caecis,
Mala nostra pelle,
Bona cuncta posce.*

Break the chains of sinners,
bring light to the blind,
drive away our evils,
ask for all good.

*Vitam praesta puram,
Iter para tutum,
Ut videntes Jesum,
Semper collaetemur.*

Keep life pure,
make the journey safe,
so that, seeing Jesus,
we may always rejoice together.

*Sit laus Deo Patri,
Summo Christo decus
Spiritui Sancto,
Tribus honor unus. Amen.*

All praise to God the Father,
to Christ in the highest,
to the Holy Spirit,
one honor to all three. Amen.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant offers prayers for the Church and the world.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,

All you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF CHOIR SCHOOL STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Officiant Let us pray.

All Gracious God, we give you thanks for these your servants who have reached milestones on their journeys.
As they have gained much knowledge in the course of their learning, grant them wisdom, Lord, to use what they have learned for good.
Give them inquiring and discerning hearts that they may continually discover the creative spirit of learning that comes from you, our Creator.
Grant them faith and courage and purpose in their days, so that their education, knowledge, skill and all their gifts may find their true fulfillment as they seek to do your will.
As a community that has watched them grow and flourish in our midst, we now bless them as they mark this happy occasion in life, and we celebrate with them, trusting that you have more wonderful things prepared for them than they could ever ask or imagine.
We ask it all through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung by all, standing as able.

HYMN

Ye who claim the faith of Jesus

Den des Vaters Sinn geboren

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the won - ders that were done;
2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of whom the Lord did come;
3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the hon - or of her name;
4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my Sa - vior I re - joice;
when the love of God the Fa - ther o - ver sin the
bless - ed was the land of prom - ise fa - shioned for his
let the Church, in her fore - shad - owed, part in her thanks -
all the a - ges call me bless - ed, in his praise I
vic - tory won, when he made the Vir - gin Ma - ry
earth - ly home; but more bless - ed far the mo - ther,
giv - ing claim; what Christ's mo - ther sang in glad - ness
lift my voice; he has cast down all the might - y,
mo - ther of his on - ly Son. Hail Ma - ry, full of grace.
she who bore him in her womb. Hail Ma - ry, full of grace.
let Christ's peo - ple sing the same: Hail Ma - ry, full of grace.
and the low - ly are his choice." Hail Ma - ry, full of grace.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Vincent Stucksy Stratton Coles (1845-1929), alt.; st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984) metrical *Magnificat*.
Music: *Den des Vaters Sinn geboren*, melody from *Hundert Arien*, 1694; harm. Conrad Kocher (1786-1872).

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.

VOLUNTARY *Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* (Fugue on the name of Alain), Op. 7b

Maurice Duruflé

Please remain standing, as able, for the procession of ministers, then be seated for the rest of the Organ Voluntary. At its conclusion, in keeping with the prayerfulness of this evening's liturgy, please express your appreciation with a silent "Amen" rather than applause.



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The Very Reverend Steven L. Thomason

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Olivier Santos

ACOLYTE

Krista Olson

THURIFER

TBD

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The Evensong Choir, Canon Michael Kleinschmidt
& Rebekah Gilmore, *conducting*; John Stuntebeck, *organist*

USHERS

Kristen Austin
Jennifer Babuca

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