



SAINT JOHN'S
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St. George's Day Festal Choral Evensong

Sunday, April 28, 2024 | 5 p.m.



*St. George and the Dragon, based on 15th c. Byzantine icon, written by Erin Wade
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✧ ST. GEORGE'S DAY CHORAL EVENSONG ✧

Choral Evensong has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. This service is only one expression 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, Evensong proclaims the wonderful works of God in history and in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For the worshiper, Evensong evokes a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

Music Before the Service

Prelude and Fugue on *Victimae Paschali Laudes*, D. P. Benoit

Overture, Henry Purcell
The Cathedral Brass

The People stand as the Choir sings

Introit

O Sing Joyfully, Adrian Batten

O SING joyfully unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the song, bring hither the tabret: the merry harp with the lute. Blow up, blow up the trumpet in the new moon: even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day. For this was made a statute for Israel: and a law unto the God of Jacob.

The People remain standing.

In Procession, Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”
Lasst uns erfreuen

Entrance of the Pipers

Highland Cathedral, Michael Korb
The Jacksonville Pipes & Drums

The People remain standing as the Choir sings

The Preces and Responses

Craig Phillips

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

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. The Lord's name be praised.

Psalm 3

CHANT: E. J. Hopkins

Lord, how are they increased that trouble me *
 many are they that rise against me.
Many one there be that say of my soul *
 There is no help for him in his God.
But thou, O Lord, art my defender *
 thou art my worship, and the lifter up of my head.
I did call upon the Lord with my voice *
 and he heard me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept, and rose up again *
 for the Lord sustained me.
I will not be afraid for ten thousands of the people *
 that have set themselves against me round about.
Up, Lord, and help me, O my God *
 for thou smitest all mine enemies upon the cheek-bone;
 thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
Salvation belongeth unto the Lord *
 and thy blessing is upon thy people.
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 First Lesson

Joshua 1:1-9

Reader A reading from the book of Joshua

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. I hereby

command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated as the Choir sings

The Magnificat

Service in D, Herbert Sumsion

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

Revelation 12:7-12

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The People remain seated as the Choir sings

The Nunc Dimittis

Service in D, Herbert Sumsion

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 Sermon

The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

The People stand. The Choir and People chant

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 People kneel as the Choir continues with the singing of

The Suffrages and Responses

Craig Phillips

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir chants

The Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Choir continues the Suffrages and Responses with

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

Three Collects and the Grace

Bradley May, lay cantor

Welcome

Anthem, At the Offering

St. Patrick's Breastplate, Charles Villiers Stanford

I bind unto myself today, the strong
Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever,
By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
His baptism in Jordan river,
His death on cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;
His coming at the day of doom;
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of Cherubim;
The sweet "Well done" in judgment hour;
The service of the Seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets'
scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the star-lit heav'n,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling winds' tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, his shield to ward;
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many far or nigh,

In ev'ry place, and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death-wound and the
burning, the choking wave, the poisoned
shaft,
Protect me, Christ, 'till Thy returning.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and
stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

-Cecil Francis Alexander

Hymn 205

“Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!”
Gelobt sei Gott

The Presentation of the Flags and Standards

Trumpet Tune in C, Henry Purcell

During the Voluntary, the flags and standards of the United States of America, State of Florida, England-St. George, and the Union Jack are brought before the altar. Following the playing of the Voluntary, all sing the following national anthems.

Two National Anthems

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming! And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save the King!
Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King!

And did those feet in ancient time, Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God, On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine, Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here, Among those dark satanic mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold! Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight, Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem, In England's green and pleasant land.

-William Blake

The People kneel.

Closing Prayers and Blessing

The People stand and sing

In Procession, Hymn 199

“Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

St. Kevin

Following the hymn and the departure of the Choir and Clergy, the pipes play “Green Hills of Tyrol,” “When the Battle’s O’er,” and “Balmoral” as the pipers process from the Cathedral. The Congregation is invited to remain seated for the playing of the concluding voluntary.

Concluding Voluntary

Prelude on *Te Deum*, Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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*Please join us for a reception in Taliaferro Hall to meet the artists of our RISE! exhibition
Emma Greenhill and Jenny Noble Anderson.*

Special thanks to our guests:
The Jacksonville Pipes and Drums

The Cathedral Brass
Cliff Newton and Charlie Matthiessen, trumpets;
Bill Hazlett, Chris Graham, and Chris Creswell, trombones;
Joel Panian, timpani; and Steve Merrill, percussion

and to our Color Guard
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
George Booth, Jr., Andrew Brown, Charles Winney, Jr., and James Cox

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