GATHERING

Organ Prelude

*The Preces/Invitatory

Bernard Rose

(1916–1996)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor: 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.

*Processional Hymn 97

For the Fruits of This Creation

EAST ACKLAM

*Opening Sentence

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

*Collect for Light

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of your vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy, that as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson—Deuteronomy 9:23–29 (OT page 160)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Psalm 19

Chant: Walmisley

The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
One day telleth another
and one night certifieth another.
There is neither speech nor language
but their voices are heard among them.
Their sound is gone out into all lands
and their words into the ends of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,
and runneth about unto the end of it again
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul
the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto
the simple.
The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart
the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light
unto the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever
the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold
sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
Moreover, by them is thy servant taught
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
Who can tell how oft he offendeth
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get
the dominion over me
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence
Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart
be alway acceptable in thy sight,
O Lord my strength, and my redeemer.

New Testament Lesson—Hebrews 4:1–10 (NT page 206)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Magnificat (The Second Service) 
William Byrd
(1543–1623)
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 shewed 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.*

Gospel Lesson—John 3:16–21 (NT page 88)
Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Responses (congregation seated)
Cantor: The Lord be with you.
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Cantor: Let us pray.
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor: Keep the nations under thy care;
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Cantor: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.
Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.
Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.
Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen.

Prayers
(The congregation responds to each petition: “Hear our prayer.”)

The Lord’s Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Recessional Hymn 441
What Does the Lord Require
SHARPTHORNE

*Benediction
The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude