



Choral Evensong

DUKE UNIVERSITY CHAPEL
NOVEMBER 14, 2013 AT 5:15 P.M.



Welcome to Duke Chapel and to this service of Choral Evensong. Traditionally, the service of Choral Evensong seeks to give us a glimpse of heaven. The congregation largely remains silent, while the choir, like the angels of God in traditional Christian imagery, sings his praise in the heavens. Inwardly, we are lifted into his presence; and so we join in the worship of God. Evensong has been sung daily in churches across the world for nearly 500 years.

In this service all human experience is brought before the God of heaven and earth because he has shown, most clearly in Jesus Christ, that it matters to him. The Psalms, the hymnbook for ancient Israel, explore the heights and the depths of human experience. The scripture readings are the readings appointed for the day. The Magnificat is the response to Jesus' coming from his mother, a young Jewish woman; the Nunc Dimittis is the response of an aged man. In the Creed, the Prayers and the Hymns we too, choir and congregation, make our response - of penitence, faith and joy. In this way, the lips of all are opened to 'show forth' in this world the never-ending heavenly praise of God.

The service draws from the tradition of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, instituted shortly after the restoration of the monarchy in England (1660) and seeking to harmonize Protestant and Catholic understandings of liturgy.

*The congregation is asked to remain silent
during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

(Please stand as you are able for the entrance of choir and clergy.)

*INTRODUCTION AND CONFESSION *(congregation speaks the text in bold)*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.
(Please kneel or sit)

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

*PRAYER FOR ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*PRECES (*Officiant and Choir*)

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.
Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.
Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

*PSALM 70 (*sung by the choir*)

W. Hine

Haste thee, O God, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O Lord.
Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil.
Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame:
That cry over me, there, there.
But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee:
And let all such as delight in thy salvation say always,
The Lord be praised.
As for me I am poor and in misery:
Haste thee unto me, O God
Thou art my helper and my redeemer:
O Lord, make no long tarrying.
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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Micah 4: 1-8

*OFFICE HYMN 117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CANTICLE (*Choir only*)

Magnificat (from *Collegium Regale*)

Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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. —*Luke 1:46-55*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON—Revelation 19:5-10

*CANTICLE (*Choir only*)

Nunc Dimittis (from *Collegium Regale*)

Howells

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. —*Luke 2:29-32*

*APOSTLES' CREED (*in unison, all turning to cross at the end wall of the chancel*)

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 from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at 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.

*KYRIES AND LORD'S PRAYER (*Officiant and Choir*)

Smith

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray. (*the congregation sits or kneels*)

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*choir alone*)

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

THE RESPONSES (*Officiant and Choir*)

Officiant: *The Lord be with you.*
Choir: And with thy spirit.
Officiant: *Let us pray. (the congregation sits or kneels)*
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant: *O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.*
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant: *O Lord, keep the nations under thy care;*
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.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels, and to the spirits of just men made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Saviour. Amen.

COLLECT FOR EVENING

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANTHEM (*Choir only*)

I Heard a Voice From Heaven

John Goss
(1800-1880)

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me,
Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:
Even so, saith the Spirit: for they rest from their labours.
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord for they rest from their labors.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*THE GRACE

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.

*CHORAL AMEN

Marcin Leopolda

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

(The choir and clergy process out. Please be seated for the voluntary.)

**All who are able may stand.*

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Officiant	The Rev. Nils Chittenden <i>Chaplain for the Duke University Episcopal Center</i>
Lector	Ms. Margaret Wallace <i>Divinity '14</i>
Intercessor	The Rev. Meghan Feldmeyer
Organist	Dr. David Arcus <i>Chapel Organist and Associate University Organist</i>
Choir Director	Dr. Brian Schmidt <i>Assistant Conductor and Administrative Coordinator of Chapel Music</i>
Crucifer	Ms. Katie Benjamin
Thurifer	Mr. John Badley

Please join the Duke Choral Vespers Ensemble on other Thursday evenings at 5:15 p.m. for a 30-minute service of scripture, prayer, and song.

The final service of the semester will be an Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 5.