

GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

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‘VIRTUAL’ FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

~ FEBRUARY 24, 2021 ~

VOLUNTARY

‘Nimrod’ from Variations on an Original Theme, Op. 36, “Enigma”

Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934),

arr. Robert Gower (b. 1952)

Please stand at the entrance of the Choir and Ministers.

INTROIT

THOU KNOWEST, LORD, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

Words: from the Burial Sentences in the Book of Common Prayer

Music: from Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary, Z. 58c, Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

Officiant



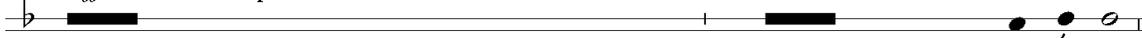
O God, make speed to save us.

People



O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE PHOS HILARON, HYMN 37



1 O bright-ness of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther's face, most ho - ly,
 2 the sun is sink - ing now, and one by one the lamps of
 3 Worth - y art thou at all times to re - ceive our hal - lowed



heaven - ly, blest, Lord Je - sus Christ, in whom his
 eve - ning shine; we hymn the e - ter - nal Fa - ther,
 prais - es, Lord. O Son of God, be thou, in



truth and grace are vi - si - bly ex - pressed:
 and the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost di - vine.
 whom we live, through all the world a - dored.

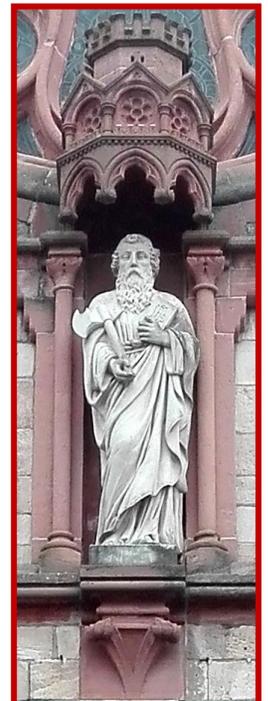
Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Edward W. Eddis (1825-1905); para. of O Gracious Light
 Music: Evening Hymn, Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Please be seated.

PSALM 33 *Sung by the Choir*

Chant by John Randall (1716-1799)

- Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous *
 for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
² Praise the LORD with harp *
 sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
³ Sing unto the LORD a new song *
 sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
⁴ For the word of the LORD is true *
 and all his works are faithful.
⁵ He loveth righteousness and judgement *
 the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
⁶ By the word of the LORD were the heavens made *
 and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
⁷ He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap *
 and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD *
 stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
⁹ For he spake, and it was done *



he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought *
and maketh the devices of the people to be of none effect,
and casteth out the counsels of princes.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD shall endure for ever *
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

¹²Blessed are the people, whose God is the LORD Jehovah *
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

¹³The LORD looked down from heaven, and beheld all the children of men *
from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell on the earth.

¹⁴He fashioneth all the hearts of them *
and understandeth all their works.

¹⁵There is no king that can be saved by the multitude of an host *
neither is any mighty man delivered by much strength.

¹⁶A horse is counted but a vain thing to save a man *
neither shall he deliver any man by his great strength.

¹⁷Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him *
and upon them that put their trust in his mercy;

¹⁸To deliver their soul from death *
and to feed them in the time of dearth.

¹⁹Our soul hath patiently tarried for the LORD *
for he is our help, and our shield.

²⁰For our heart shall rejoice in him *
because we have hoped in his holy Name.

²¹Let thy merciful kindness, O LORD, be upon us *
like as we do put our trust in thee.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.



THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 12:1-5

Read by Adleigh Tellier

SAMUEL SAID TO ALL ISRAEL, 'I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a king over you. See, it is the king who leads you now; I am old and grey, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day. Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you.' They said, 'You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone.' He said to them, 'The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.' And they said, 'He is witness.'

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat is Mary's song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. As the Magnificat is sung, the High Altar is censed, representing the prayers of the people ascending up into heaven.

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 forever. 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.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: Evening Service in E Minor, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

THE SECOND READING

Acts 20:17-35

Read by Charles Carroll

FROM MILETUS HE SENT A MESSAGE TO EPHESUS, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them: ‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace. ‘And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

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.

Words: Luke 2:29-32

Music: Evening Service in E Minor, C. Wood

Please stand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Sung on a single note by all)*

I BELIEVE IN GOD, 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 SALUTATION

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.		

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung on a single note by all)*

OUR FATHER, 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.

THE SUFFRAGES

Cantor or Officiant
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of-fen-ses, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world, We en-treat you, O Lord.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

People
and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, We en-treat you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of

St. Matthias the Apostle and all your saints entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People
We en-treat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

ALmighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME

ANTHEM

REJOICE IN THE LORD, O ye righteous:
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
Praise the LORD with harp: sing psalms unto him.
For the word of the LORD is true:
and all his works are faithful. Amen

*Words: Psalm 33:1-2, 4
Music: Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)*

Please stand.

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, 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.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Cantor or 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.

All Amen.

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



HYMN

1. When Ju - das did his Lord re - ject and fell from com - mon grace,
2. In loy - al - ty to make a - mends for Ju - das, he be - came
3. To serve his fel - low man was he with com - rad - ship con - tent;
4. Since faith with con - stan - cy — is — bound, grant us, O Lord, that we

Mat - thi - as was the one e - lect to fill the va - cant place.
one with the Ma - ster's cho - sen friends, a wit - nes of his name.
Thus did the Church with loy - al - ty stone un - to stone ce - ment.
on earth - ly fel - low - ship may found our larg - er loy - al - ty.

Words: Geoffrey Dearmer (1893-1996)

Music: Epworth, melody arr. from Charles Wesley (1757-1834); harm. Songs of Praise, 1959

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation



PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Crucifer & Lector: Adleigh Tellier

Thurifer & Lector: Charles Carroll

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