



GRACE CHURCH IN PROVIDENCE

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'VIRTUAL' FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

~ MAY 31ST, 2021 ~

VOLUNTARY

Magnificat Quinti Toni, Versets 1 and 6

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

THE PRECES

Sung by the Choir

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.

Setting by Christopher Harlow-Jennings (b. 1980)

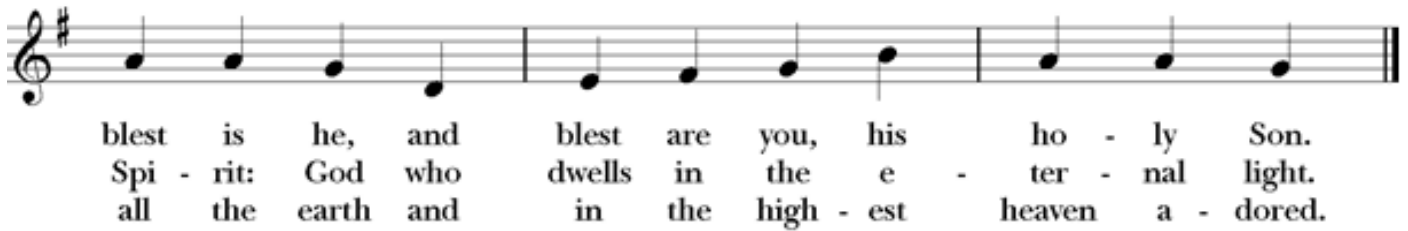
THE PHOS HILARON, HYMN 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



*Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of O Gracious Light
 Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585); adapt. Hymnal 1982*

Please be seated.

PSALM 146

Lauda, anima mea

Sung by the Choir

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

² Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
 for there is no help in them.

³ When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
 and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵ Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
 who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶ Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
 and food to those who hunger.

⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

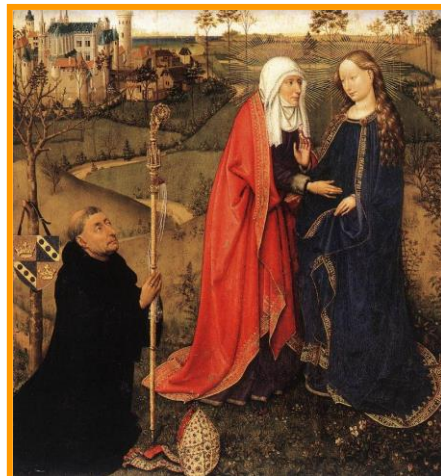
⁸ The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
 he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. 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 forever. Amen.

Anglican Chant by Henry G. Ley (1887-1962)



THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Zechariah 2:10-13

Read by Annabel Weimer

SING AND REJOICE, O DAUGHTER ZION! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the LORD. Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all people, before the LORD; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

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 upward 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 A-flat, Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

THE SECOND READING

John 3:25-30

Read by The Rector

NOW A DISCUSSION ABOUT PURIFICATION AROSE between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, 'Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him.' John answered, 'No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, "I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him." He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.'

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 A-flat, Sarah MacDonald

Please stand as you are able.

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 AND KYRIE ELEISON

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 *(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 RESPONSES

Officiant O Lord, shew 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.

Setting by Christopher Harlow-Jennings (b. 1980)

THE COLLECTS

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. **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

The Rector

ANTHEM

AVE MARIA, GRATIA PLENA,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

*Words: The Angelus Prayer, based on Luke 1:28
Music: Simon Lindley (b. 1948)*

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.



HYMN 269

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 Stucky 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)

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Improvisation



~ PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE TODAY ~

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Thurifer: Ryan Doherty

Cantor: Briella Weimer

Lector: Annabel Weimer

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~ DEDICATION ~

This service of Choral Evensong

is sung in memory of

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