

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Last Sunday After The Epiphany:

February 11, 2024

4:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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We are delighted to welcome The Frederick Gunn School Vocal Ensemble under the direction of Ron Castonguay and members of the Saecula Schola Cantorum as guest artists at this evening's service.

Choral Prelude

Gloria from Mass no. 14 in B-flat Major

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

*Members of the Frederick Gunn School Vocal Ensemble
under the direction of Ron Castonguay*

Translation: *Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards humankind. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.*

Ave Maria

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ron Castonguay, alto saxophone

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Processional Hymn # 662

Abide With Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces & Responses

Thomas Tomkins (1572 - 1656)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and Choir

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.

Phos Hilaron

Hail! Gladdening Light

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured

Who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest,

Holiest of Holies--Jesus Christ our Lord!

Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;

The lights of evening round us shine;

We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine!

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung

With undefiled tongue, Son of our God, giver of life, alone:

Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own. Amen.

The congregation may be seated for the Psalm.

Psalm # 115

the congregation is invited to join the refrain

from the Plainsong Psalter

On other Sundays and Weekdays



Our God is in heav - en; what - ev - er he wills to do he does,



hal - le - lu - jah.

1 Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your Name give glory; *
because of your love and because of your faithfulness.

2 Why should the heathen say, *
“Where then is their God?”

3 Our God is in heaven; *
whatever he wills to do he does.

4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
the work of human hands.

5 They have mouths, but they cannot speak; *
eyes have they, but they cannot see;

6 They have ears, but they cannot hear; *
noses, but they cannot smell;

7 They have hands, but they cannot feel; feet, but they cannot walk; *
they make no sound with their throat.

8 Those who make them are like them, *
and so are all who put their trust in them.

9 O Israel, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.

11 You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; *
he is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord has been mindful of us, and he will bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;

13 He will bless those who fear the Lord, *
both small and great together.

14 May the Lord increase you more and more, *
you and your children after you.

15 May you be blessed by the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

16 The heaven of heavens is the Lord’s, *
but he entrusted the earth to its peoples.

17 The dead do not praise the Lord, *
nor all those who go down into silence;

18 But we will bless the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore. Hallelujah!

The Readings

A Reading from the Scroll of Ecclesiasticus (48:1-11)

Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! Who can boast as you can? You who raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High, who sent kings down to destruction and famous men from their sickbeds, who heard rebuke at Sinai and judgments of vengeance at Horeb, who anointed kings to inflict retribution and prophets to succeed you, who were taken up by a whirlwind of fire in a chariot with horses of fire, who were prepared at the appointed time to calm wrath before it breaks out in fury, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy are those who saw you and were adorned in love! For we also shall surely live.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Mary

Magnificat Sexti Toni

Composite setting

Magnificat

Composite setting featuring Gregorian chant (Tone VI) in alternation with polyphonic movements by eight Renaissance composers

Latin Text	English Translation	Composer
Magnificat anima mea Dominum	<i>My soul doth magnify the Lord,</i>	Plainchant
Et exultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.	<i>And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.</i>	4-part polyphony by Tomás Luis de Victoria (c.1548-1611)
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.	<i>For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden: For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.</i>	Plainchant
Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen eius.	<i>For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name.</i>	4-part polyphony by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)
Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.	<i>And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.</i>	Plainchant
Fecit potentiam in brachio suo, dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.	<i>He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.</i>	3-part polyphony by Duarte Lobo (c.1564-1646)
Deposuit potentes de sede et exaltavit humiles.	<i>He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.</i>	Plainchant
Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes,	<i>He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.</i>	4-part polyphony by Alexander Utendal (c.1543-1581)
Suscepit Israel puerum suum recordatus misericordiae suae:	<i>He, remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel:</i>	2-part polyphony by Francisco Guerrero 1528-1599)
Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, Abraham et semini eius in saecula.	<i>As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.</i>	5-part polyphony by Tiburtio Massaino (c.1550-1609)
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:	<i>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;</i>	6-part polyphony by Diego Ortiz (c.1500 - c.1570)
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.	<i>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</i>	8-part polyphony by Orlando di Lasso (1539-1594)

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke (9:18-27)

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” They answered, “John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen.” Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “The Messiah of God.” He sternly ordered and commanded them not to tell anyone, saying, “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.” Then he said to them all, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit them if they gain the whole world but lose or forfeit themselves? Those who

are ashamed of me and of my words, of them the Son of Man will be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. Indeed, truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God.”

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Nunc Dimittis *Short Service* Orlando Gibbons (1583-1656)

*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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers.

The Prayers

The Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

Choir *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir *Lord, have mercy*

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

***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

Preces & Responses

Thomas Tomkins (1572 - 1656)

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,
and give thine 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 thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Final Collect

Lighten Our Darkness

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750), arr. Tom Brand

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 Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Anthems

Non Nobis Domine

William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Text: *Not to us, O Lord, but to your name from 'glory.'*

An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem, please be generous in your support.

Final Prayers

said by the priest at the High Altar

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Choral Anthem

We Shall Overcome (traditional)

arr. Tom Brand

Final Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and

the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn # 24 *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness
2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls
3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads
4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -
on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is
on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er
em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for

scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
keep - ing, and rests not now by - day or night.
si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.
ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final four lines of the hymn.

Postlude: *This Little Light of Mine* (spiritual))

Reception

***There is a Reception in the Parish Hall following the Service.
All are invited. Please join us and thank the members of the choir.***

Worship Ministers This Evening:

Priest-in-charge: The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

Organist & Choirmaster: Tom Brand

Alto Saxophone: Ron Castonguay,

Reader: Laura Daly

VeeJay: Laura Daly

Altar Guild: MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer

Reception: MB Witt, Corinne Johnson

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ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

February 14th, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Choral Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

In-person and online live streaming