

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Denver, Colorado



Choral Evensong: May 6, 2021

Harriet Starr Cannon

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

We are glad you are on this journey with us in this season of all-virtual worship. If we experience technical difficulties during the service, we will pause the service until the issue is resolved and the livestream has resumed. You are the congregation; there is no worship without you.

As we gather for worship together in our different locations, we are making different choices of how to participate. Some are standing, sitting, and kneeling as they would in church, and singing with enthusiasm. Others are participating in silence. Please know that, just as you are welcome to “come as you are” in the physical church, so we hope you will participate here “as you will.”

Please join us after the service for a virtual reception on Zoom by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97702326369?pwd=ZitpandhSGRYcURJZmk2bzhrbVFmUT09> or by entering this info: Meeting ID: 977 0232 6369 Passcode: 338166

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Harriet Starr Cannon (1823-1896), *Religious*

Derived from the ancient monastic evening offices of Vespers and Compline, Evensong (literally “Evening Song”) is an almost entirely sung service. Thomas Cranmer, the first Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, combined the above two Roman Catholic monastic offices into one Anglican lay office, characterized by the chanting of psalms and the singing of the principal canticles from each – the Magnificat from Vespers and the Nunc dimittis from Compline. This felicitous pairing, and the mystical atmosphere of a church at dusk, have fired the imaginations of many of the Anglican Church’s greatest musicians. Please note that the texts to some of the sung items may differ slightly from what is printed in the modern Book of Common Prayer, particularly the Suffrages.

Numbers preceded by “BCP” are found in the Book of Common Prayer (Black Book)

Numbers preceded by “S” are in the front portion of the 1982 Hymnal (Red Book)

The Organ Voluntary: Adagio (*Modale Suite*)

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Word of Welcome

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Invitatory: *Preces*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

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.

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: world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Canticle of Light: Immortal Love, Immortal Heat

Bryan Grosbach (2020)

From “Herbert’s Love: The Journey of a Martyr”

Immortal love, Author of this great frame
Sprung from the Beauty which can never fade,
How hath man parcel’d out thy glorious name
And thrown it in the dust which thou hast made
While mortal love doth all the title gain!

Immortal heat, O let thy greater flame
Attract the lesser to it; let those fires
Which shall consume the world first make it tame,
And kindle in our hearts such true desires.

George Herbert (1593-1633), adapt.

The People sit. All stand when the Choir concludes the psalm with the Gloria Patri ("Glory to the Father...")

The Psalm: 131 *Domine, non est; Anglican Chant: Edwin Edwards (1830-1907)*

- 1 O Lord, I am not proud; * I have no haughty looks.
- 2 I do not occupy myself with great matters, * or with things that are too hard for me.
- 3 But I still my soul and make it quiet, like a child upon its mother's breast; *
my soul is quieted within me.
- 4 O Israel, wait upon the Lord, * from this time forth for evermore.

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 Lessons

The First Lesson

2 Esdras 2:15-24

Mother, embrace your children; bring them up with gladness, as does a dove; strengthen their feet, because I have chosen you, says the Lord. And I will raise up the dead from their places, and bring them out from their tombs, because I recognize my name in them. Do not fear, mother of children, for I have chosen you, says the Lord. I will send you help, my servants Isaiah and Jeremiah. According to their counsel I have consecrated and prepared for you twelve trees loaded with various fruits, and the same number of springs flowing with milk and honey, and seven mighty mountains on which roses and lilies grow; by these I will fill your children with joy. Guard the rights of the widow, secure justice for the ward, give to the needy, defend the orphan, clothe the naked, care for the injured and the weak, do not ridicule the lame, protect the maimed, and let the blind have a vision of my splendour. Protect the old and the young within your walls. When you find any who are dead, commit them to the grave and mark it, and I will give you the first place in my resurrection. Pause and be quiet, my people, because your rest will come.

The People stand.

The Magnificat

T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Evening Service in B minor

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 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.

The People sit.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 13:1-2, 5-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The People stand.

The Nunc dimittis

T. Tertius Noble

Evening Service in B minor

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

The People sit.

The Reflection

The People stand.

The Apostles' Creed

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, died, and was 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 Prayers

The People kneel.

The Suffrages & Collects: *(sung by the Choir)*

William Byrd

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray:

Choir Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

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.

Choir Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show they mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, bless this land:

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.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Gracious God, who didst call Mother Harriet and her companions to revive the religious life in the Episcopal Church by founding the religious community of St. Mary, and to dedicate their lives to thee: Grant that, after their example, we may ever surrender ourselves to the revelation of thy holy will; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

A Collect for Evening

Officiant 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Choir Amen.

A Collect for Mission

Officiant O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

The People sit.

The Anthem: The Lord is my strength and my song

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Lord is my strength, and my song: and is become my salvation. Open me the gates of righteousness: that I may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. The same stone which the builders refused: is become the head-stone in the corner. This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:14, 19, 22, & 24; 1662 BCP

The Office Hymn

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1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face,
2 Now, ere day fad-eth quite, we see the eve-ning light,
3 To thee of right be-longs all praise of ho-ly songs,

thee - ter - nal splen-dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
our wont-ed hymn out-pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un-known,
O Son of God, Life-giv - er; thee, there-fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.
thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); para. of *O Gracious Light*
Music: *Le Cantique de Siméon*, melody Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?);
harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

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