

ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Denver, Colorado



**Choral Evensong: October 7, 2021**

*St. Francis of Assisi*





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*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)*

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**The Organ Voluntary:** *Adagio molto* (from Sonata No. 3)

*Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

*All stand at the entrance bells as the ministers enter the Church*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

**The Invitatory:** *Preces*

*Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)*

*Cantor* O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Choir* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor* O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

*Choir* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Cantor* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir* The Lord’s Name be praised.

**The Canticle of Light:** The Rising of the Sun

*M. Susan Brown (1999)*

From the rising of the sun to the going down of same, let the Name of the Lord be praised.

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

**The Psalm:** 148:7-14

*Laudate Dominum; Plainchant Tone VII.c.*

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \* you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \* tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, \* fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \* creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \* princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, \* old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*

for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. 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 for ever. Amen.

*The People sit.*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*Galatians 6:14-18*

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

*Here ends the Reading*

*The People stand.*

### **The Magnificat**

*Herbert Murrill (1909-1952)*

*Evening Service in E*

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**

*John 1:47-51*

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

*Here ends the Reading*

*The People stand.*

**The Nunc dimittis**

*Herbert Murrill  
Evening Service in E*

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**

*Herbert Sumsion*

*Cantor* The Lord be with you;

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor* 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.

*Cantor* O Lord, show they mercy upon us;

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor* O Lord, bless this land:

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

*Cantor* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*Cantor* O Lord, save thy people:  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.  
*Cantor* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
*Cantor* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect of the Day*

*Officiant* Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
*Choir* Amen.

*A Collect for Evening*

*Officiant* 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.  
*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:** All things bright and beautiful *Harold Darke (1888-1976)*  
*adapt. from the Kyrie, Communion Service in A minor, TJK (2002)*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
 All creatures great and small,  
 All things wise and wonderful,  
 The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
 Each little bird that sings,  
 He made their glowing colors,  
 And made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful, etc.*

The purple headed mountains,  
 The rivers running by,  
 The sunset and the morning,  
 That brightens up the sky.

*All things bright and beautiful, etc.*

The cold wind in the winter,  
 The pleasant summer sun,  
 The ripe fruits in the garden,  
 He made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful, etc.*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
 And lips that we might tell  
 How great is God Almighty  
 Who has made all things well.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

## The Office Hymn

Most high, om - ni - po - tent, good Lord, to thee be cease - less  
My Lord be praised by bro - ther sun who through the skies his  
My Lord be praised by sis - ter moon and all the stars, that  
By sis - ter wa - ter be thou blest, most hum - ble, use - ful,

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praise out - poured, and bless - ings with - out mea - sure. From thee a - lone all —  
course doth run, and shines in bril - liant splen - dor: with bright - ness he doth  
with her soon will point the glit - tering hea - vens. Let wind and air and —  
pre - cious, chaste; be praised by bro - ther fire; jo - cund is he, ro -

8  
crea - tures came; no one is wor - thy — thee to name.  
fill the day, and sig - ni - fies thy — bound - less sway.  
cloud and calm and weath - ers all, re - peat the psalm.  
- bust and bright, and strong to light - en — all the night.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1882-1226), trans. Howard Chandler Robbins (1876-1952), alt.  
Music: *In dich hab' ich gehoffet*, German Chorale, harm. Timothy J. Krueger (b. 1964)

*All say*

### **The Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

*All sing*

### **The Concluding Versicle & Response**

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Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

*The People sit.*

### **The Organ Voluntary: Postlude on a Ground**

*Herbert Murrill*

*Please join us for a sherry and cider reception in the Common Room next door in the Parish House*

Evensong is sung every Thursday at St. Andrew's between September and May.



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