

ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Denver, Colorado



*Frances Perkins*

**Choral Evensong: May 12, 2022**

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*Frances Perkins (1880-1965), Public Servant and Prophetic Witness*

*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 Voluntaries:** Bread of Life, Good Shepherd, Tend Us *David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

*The People stand*

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**The Invitatory:** *Preces*

*M. Susan Brown (2015)*

*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 Spirit;

*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.

**Canticle of Light:** O Lord, the maker of all things

*William Mundy (d. 1591))*

O Lord, the maker of all things, we pray thee now in this evening us to defend, through thy mercy, from all deceit of our enemy. Let neither us deluded be, good Lord, with dream or fantasy; our hearts waking in thee thou keep, that we in sin fall not on sleep. O Father, through thy blessed Son, grant us this our petition, to whom, with the Holy Ghost always, in heaven and earth be laud and praise. Amen.

*The King’s Primer (1545)*

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

**The Psalm:** 37:27-32

*Non nobis Domine; Plainchant Tonus Peregrinus*

27 The righteous are always generous in their lending, \* and their children shall be a blessing.

28 Turn from evil, and do good, \* and dwell in the land for ever.

29 For the Lord loves justice; \* he does not forsake his faithful ones.

- 30 They shall be kept safe for ever, \* but the offspring of the wicked shall be destroyed.  
31 The righteous shall possess the land \* and dwell in it for ever.  
32 The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom, \* and their tongue speaks what is right.

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**

*Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, 'The seventh year, the year of remission, is near', and therefore view your needy neighbour with hostility and give nothing; your neighbour might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

*Here ends the Reading.*

*All stand when the Choir concludes the canticle with the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father...")*

### **The Magnificat**

*George Dyson (1888-1964)*

*Evening Service in F*

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**

*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Here ends the Reading*

*All stand when the Choir concludes the canticle with the Gloria Patri ("Glory be to the Father...")*

## **The Nunc dimittis**

*George Dyson*

*Evening Service in F*

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

*M. Susan Brown*

*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. 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* Loving God, whose Name is blest for Frances Perkins, who lived out her belief that the special vocation of the laity is to conduct the secular affairs of society that all may be maintained in health and decency: Help us, following her example, to contend tirelessly for justice and for the protection of all in need, that we may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, 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* 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.

*Choir* Amen.

*The People sit.*

**The Anthem:** Abendlied (Evening Song)

*Josef Rheinberger (1838-1901)*

[Sung in German] Stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past.

*Luke 24:29*

**The Office Hymn**

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1 Wea - ry of all trum - pet - ing, wea - ry of all kill - ing,  
2 Cap - tain Christ, O low - ly Lord, Ser - vant King, your dy - ing  
3 To the tri - umph of your cross sum - mon all the liv - ing;



wea - ry of all songs that sing prom - ise, non - ful - fill - ing,  
bade us sheathe the fool - ish sword, bade us cease de - ny - ing.  
sum - mon us to love by loss, gain - ing all by giv - ing,



we would raise, O Christ, one song; we \_\_\_\_\_ would join in sing - ing  
Trum - pet with your Spi - rit's breath through \_\_\_\_\_ each height and hol - low;  
suf - fering all, that we may see tri - umph in sur - ren - der;



that great mu - sic pure and strong, where - with heaven is ring - ing.  
in - to your self - giv - ing death, call us all to fol - low.  
leav - ing all, that we may be part - ners in your splen - dor.

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