

Wednesday, January 6, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

**A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG
THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Officiant and Homilist: Rev. Canon J Lefebvre

*The Cathedral Vocal Ensemble: Sarah McPherson, Anne Kae, Mark Russom, John
Jeremy Ludwig;*

Organ: Michael Bloss.

Choral Evensong offers an opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Traditionally, Choral Evensong is based on the services held daily in the medieval church as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England. The liturgical language is more traditional and the choir sings “on behalf” of the congregation when it comes to the canticles, responses and psalms.

Organ Voluntary – Les Mages (La Nativité du Seigneur)

Olivier Messiaen

Words of Welcome

Sentence – The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Habakkuk 2:20

The Preces

William Smith

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord’s name be praised.

Psalm 72 *Deus, iudicium*



Give the king thy / judgements O / God,
and thy righteousness / unto ● the / king's / son.

Then shall he judge thy people ac- / cording ● unto / right,
--- / and thy / poor with / justice.

The mountains also / shall bring / peace,
and the little hills / righteous-ness / unto ● the / people.

He shall keep the simple folk / by their / right,
save the children of the poor and / punish / the wrong- / doer.

He shall live as / long as ● the / sun,
and while the moon endureth, from one gener- / ation / to an- / other.

He shall come down like rain upon the / mown grass,
even as the / show'rs that / water ● the / earth.

2nd in his time shall / righteous-ness / flourish;
yea and abundance of peace so / long as ● the / moon en- / dureth.

Let his dominion also be from / sea to / sea,
and from the River / unto ● the / world's / end.

Let them that dwell in the wilderness / kneel be- / fore him;
and let his / ene-mies / lick the / dust.

Let the kings of Tarshish and of the / isles give / presents,
and the kings of A- / rabia ● and / Seba ● bring / gifts.

Let all kings fall / down be- / fore him,
and all / na-tions / do him / service.

For he shall deliver the poor / when he / crieth;
the needy also and / him that / hath no / helper.

He shall have pity on the / weak and ● the / needy,
and shall pre- / serve the / souls of ● the / poor.

He shall deliver their souls from / falsehood ● and / wrong;
and dear shall their / blood be / in his / sight.

So let him live, and unto him let there be given of the / gold of ● A- /
rabia;
let prayer be made for him continually, and all the day / long let /
him be / praised.

Let there be an abundance of / grain in ● the / land,
even up- / on the / top of ● the / mountains.

Let its fruit / wave like / Lebanon,
and let men flourish out of the city like / grass up- / on the / earth.

Let his name en- / dure for / ever;
let his name con- / tinue ● as / long as ● the / sun.

Let all the tribes of the earth be / bless-ed / through him,
and let all / nations / call him / happy.

Blessed be the Lord, the / God of / Israel,
who only / doeth / wondrous / things;

And blessed be the name of his / majesty ● for / ever:
and let all the earth be filled with his majesty. / Amen / and A- / men.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son;
and / to the / Ho-ly / Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever / shall be;
world without / end. A- / --- / men.

The First Lesson (Isaiah 60: 9-end)

For the coastlands shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from far away,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the LORD your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has glorified you.

Foreigners shall build up your walls,
and their kings shall minister to you;
for in my wrath I struck you down,
but in my favor I have had mercy on you.
Your gates shall always be open;
day and night they shall not be shut,
so that nations shall bring you their wealth,
with their kings led in procession.
For the nation and kingdom
that will not serve you shall perish;
those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

The glory of Lebanon shall come to you,
the cypress, the plane, and the pine,
to beautify the place of my sanctuary;
and I will glorify where my feet rest.
The descendants of those who oppressed you
shall come bending low to you,
and all who despised you
shall bow down at your feet;
they shall call you the City of the LORD,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Whereas you have been forsaken and hated,
with no one passing through,
I will make you majestic forever,
a joy from age to age.
You shall suck the milk of nations,
you shall suck the breasts of kings;
and you shall know that I, the LORD, am your Saviour
and your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze,
instead of stones, iron.

I will appoint Peace as your overseer
and Righteousness as your taskmaster.
Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.

The sun shall no longer be
your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;
but the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down,
or your moon withdraw itself;
for the LORD will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.
Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever.
They are the shoot that I planted, the work of my hands,
so that I might be glorified.
The least of them shall become a clan,
and the smallest one a mighty nation;
I am the LORD;
in its time I will accomplish it quickly.

Magnificat

Service in F— George Dyson

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
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 shewed 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 Second Lesson (John 2: 1-11)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Nunc Dimittis

Service in F – George Dyson

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 Apostle's Creed

Officiant and People

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 Responses

William Smith

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Choir sings:

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

All chant:

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 that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the Queen.

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.

The Collects

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant, that we, who know thee now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ; who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

Amen.

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 our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our saviour.

Amen

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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Anthem- Out of your sleep

Richard Rodney Bennett

*Out of your sleep arise and wake,
For God mankind now hath ytake.
All of a maid without any make:
Of all women she beareth the bell.*

*And through a maide fair and wise,
Now man is made of full great price:
Now angels knelen to man's service,
An at this time all this befell.*

*Now man is brighter than the sun:
Now man in beav'n on high shall won:
Blessed be God this game is begun
And bis mother the Empress of hell.*

*That ever was thrall now is he free:
That ever was small now great is she:
Now shall God deem be thee and me
Unto this bliss if we do well.*

*Now man he may to heaven wend:
Now beav'n and earth to him they bend.
He that was foe now is our friend.
This is no nay that I you tell.*

*Now blessed Brother grant us grace,
At doomes day to see the face,
And in thy court to have a place,
That we may there sing thee nowell.*

Homily – Rev. Canon J Lefebvre

Closing Prayers

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant

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.**

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

All

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. **Amen.**

Hymn – Brightest and Best

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;*

*gem of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;

*low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.*

*3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,*

*gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?*

*4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;*

*gem of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid*

Organ Voluntary – Meditation on “How brightly beams the morning star” *P. Manẏ*

NEXT WEDNESDAY:
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THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY
AND
COMMEMORATION OF HILARY, DOCTOR, BISHOP OF
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