

Wednesday, January 13, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY AND
HILARY, DOCTOR, BISHOP OF POITIERS, FRANCE, 368**

Officiant and Homilist: Dan Tatarnic;

The Cathedral Vocal Ensemble:

*Sarah McPherson, Anne Kae,
Mark Russom, 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.

Today we honour Hilary, a bishop and hero of the Catholic faith in fourth-century Gaul. Born and raised in paganism, he inherited great wealth, married and had a daughter, and gained prestige as a public advocate in his native Poitiers, a city in what is now southwestern France. Around the age of thirty, he began to study Christian beliefs in private; his reading and reflection led him to seek baptism in the year 350. The Christians of Poitiers recognized his gifts of mind and character, and two or three years later they elected him as their bishop. At that time two movements were locked in bitter contest for control of the Church. On one side, the Catholic movement upheld the Nicene Creed, with its affirmation that the Son of God is “of one being with the Father,” and insisted that this doctrine was the only possible basis for Christian life and practice. On the other side, the Arian movement accused the Nicene faith of violating the utter oneness of God. Hilary cast his lot with the Catholics and immediately became a serious irritation to the Arians. They happened to enjoy the favour of the Roman emperor, and their complaints about Hilary’s effectiveness in defending Nicene principles provoked the emperor into exiling him from his diocese. Hilary spent three years in Asia Minor and during this banishment deepened his commitment to orthodox theology. His presence became such an embarrassment to the Arians in the East that they convinced the emperor to banish him again — back to his own diocese of Poitiers. Upon his return Hilary rallied the neighbouring bishops in opposition to Arianism, and before his death on January thirteenth in the year 367 he had turned his entire province into a bastion of the Nicene faith.

Organ Voluntary – Partita on “Christ you are the Light of Day BWV 766 – JS Bach

Words of Welcome

Sentence – Because I live, you will live also: you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. *John 14.19–20*

The Preces

Jason Smart

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.

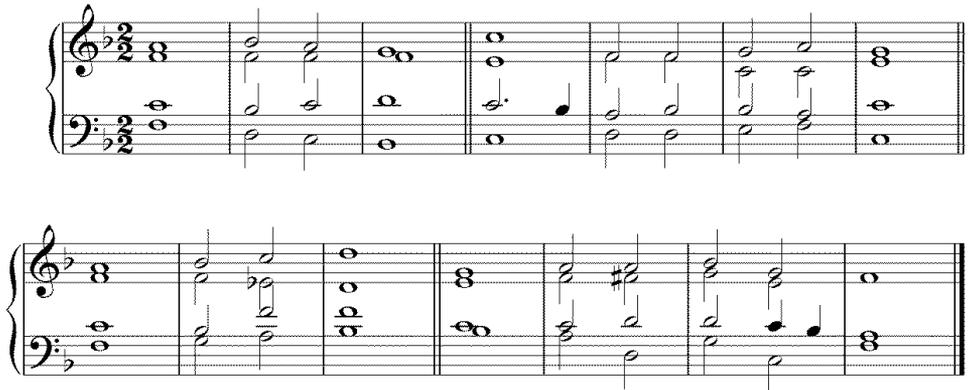
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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 68 Pt 2 *Exurgat Deus*



Blessed be the Lord, who daily / beareth • our / burden*
even the / God who / is our • sal- / vation.

He is our God, even the God of whom / cometh • de- / liverance*
and God is the / Lord by • whom / we es-• cape / death.

It is well seen, O God, / how thou / goest,*
how thou my God and King / goest / into • the / sanctuary.

The singers go before, the minstrels / follow / after,*
in the midst are the damsels / playing / with the / timbrels.

Bless ye God in the / congre- / gations,*
even the Lord, ye that are / of the / fountain • of / Israel.

There is little Benjamin their ruler, the princes of Judah / and their / company,*
the princes of Zebulun / and the / princes • of / Naphtali

O God, put / forth thy / strength;*
stablish the thing, O God, that / thou hast / wrought for / us.

For thy temple's sake / at Je- / rusalem*
kings shall bring / presents / unto / thee.

Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples
trampling under foot the / pieces • of / silver;*
scatter thou the peoples / that de- / light in / war.

Then shall the princes come / out of / Egypt;*
Ethiopia shall soon / stretch out • her / hands un-• to / God.

Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms / of the / earth:*
O sing / praises / unto • the / Lord.

Who rideth in the high heavens, which / are of / old;*
lo, he doth send out his voice, yea, and / that a / mighty / voice.

Ascribe ye the power to God: his majesty is / over / Israel,*
and his / strength is / in the / clouds.

O God, terrible art thou in thy / holy / places;*
even the God of Israel, he giveth strength and power
unto his /people. • Bless- / ed be / God.

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. A- / ---- / men.

The First Lesson (Genesis 4: 1-16)

Now the man knew his wife Eve, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have produced a man with the help of the LORD." Next she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a tiller of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel for his part brought of the firstlings of his flock, their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let us go out to the field." And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? Listen; your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground! And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the ground, it will no longer yield to you its strength; you will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Today you have driven me away from the soil, and I shall be hidden from your face; I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and anyone who meets me may kill me." Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! Whoever kills Cain will suffer a sevenfold vengeance." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, so that no one who came upon him would kill him. Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Magnificat

Service in C— Charles Villiers Stanford

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 (Mark 1: 29-45)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

The Nunc Dimittis

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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

Jason Smart

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
which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them 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 Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

O God, who by thy Holy Spirit hast given unto one man a word of wisdom, and to another the gift of tongues: We praise thy Name for the gifts of grace manifested in thy servant Hilary, and we pray that thy Church may never be destitute of the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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 the vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ, who with thee and 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 in 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- If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

E'en the spirit of truth;

Homily – Rev. Dr. Dan Tatarnic

Collect for the Commemoration of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers

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.**

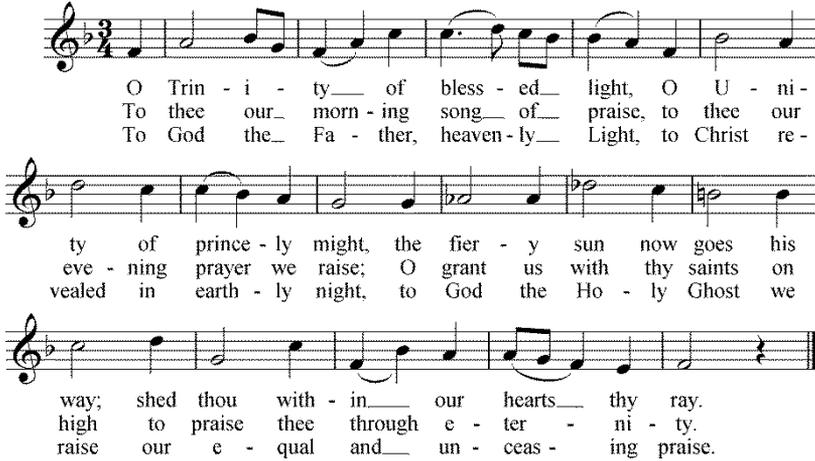
Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Hymn –O Trinity of Blessed Light

TEXT: Latin 6th c.

MUSIC: Haydn. BROMLEY



O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -
To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our
To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -
ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now goes his
eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy saints on
vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly Ghost we
way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.
high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.
raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Organ Voluntary – Fantasia in F

Buxheimer Orgelbuch

NEXT WEDNESDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR
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