

Wednesday, July 21, 2021– Christ’s Church Cathedral

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

THE EVE OF THE FEAST OF ST MARY MAGDALENE

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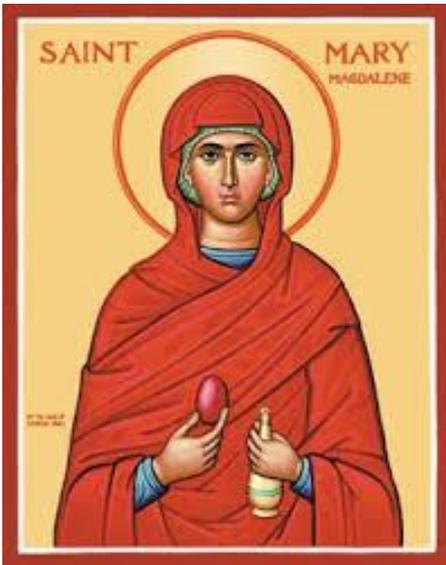
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The Cathedral Schola:

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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.

Mary was called the Magdalene because she was a woman of Mag’dala, a village in Galilee. In the Gospels it is said that Jesus cast seven demons out of her and that she was one of a group of women who followed him and used their wealth to provide for the rest of his companions. Mary accompanied Jesus to Jerusalem, and three of the evangelists — Matthew, Mark, and John — give her first place among the women disciples who stood nearby while their Lord was crucified. All the Gospel accounts agree that, on the morning of the third day, she went to his tomb in order to anoint his corpse — and was astonished to find the tomb empty, except for mysterious strangers who told her that Christ was risen. According to John, it was just then that Mary became the first to behold and speak with the risen Lord himself; John also reports that Jesus appointed her to proclaim the news of his resurrection to the apostles. For this reason Mary Magdalene is regarded as their equal by the Eastern Church, for she was the apostle to the apostles.



Office Hymn:

Sing we all the joys

TEXT: Philippe de Greve. d. 1236.

MUSIC: French Carol Office Hymn. COLLAUDEMUS



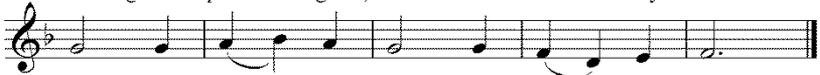
Sing we all the joys and sor - rows which in Ma - ry's
Through the guest throng at the ban - quet un - dis - mayed she
There in box of a - la - bas - ter, bear - ing nard of
Dear - ly then for that dear offer - ing did our Lord in
Now be glo - ry, laud and hon - our un - to him the



heart were found; To her fame our voi - ces rai - sing let con
sought her Lord; clean - sing tears and sal - ving oint - ments low - ly
fra - grance pure, she with gift of out - poured sweet - ness bids the
love re - pay: since so per - fect her de - vo - tion all her
Pas - chal host, who, in war with Death a li - on as a



sen - ting praise a - bound: So do birds of night and
on his feet she poured, wiped them with her hair, ob -
mys - tic sign en - dure: Seek - ing from a - noint - ment
sins he put a - way: Made her be his own fore -
lamb gave up the ghost, and the third day rose a



morn - ing make their ming - led songs re - sound.
tain - ing by her love the great re - ward.
heal - ing, Lo, the sick a - noints the Cure!
runn - er on his re - sur - rec - tion day.
vic - tor crowned with spoils that Death had lost.

Words of Welcome

Sentence – If any serve me, the Father will honour them

John 12.26

The Preces

Rose

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.

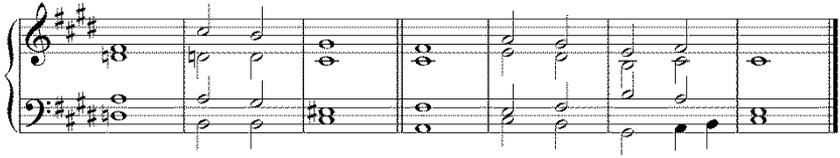
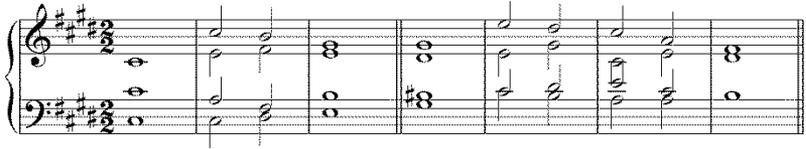
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

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 13 (*Usque quo, Domine*)



HOW long wilt thou forget me, O / Lord, for / ever:*
how long wilt thou / hide thy / face from / me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so / vexed in • my / heart:*
how long shall mine enemies / triumph / over / me?

Consider, and hear me, O / Lord my / God:*
lighten mine eyes, / that I • sleep / not in / death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have pre- / vailed a- / gainst him:*
for if I be cast down, they that / trouble • me / will re- / joice at it.

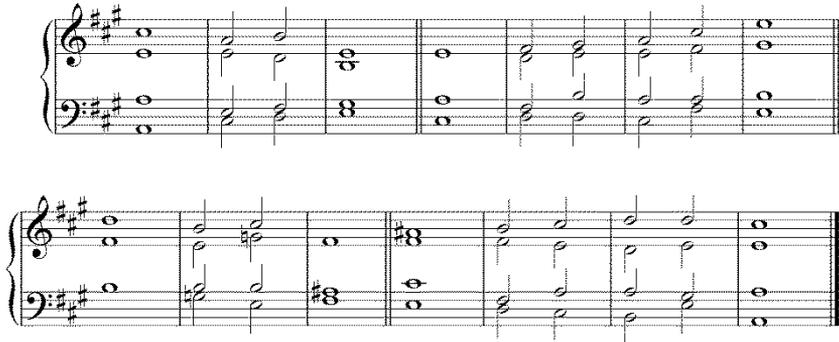
But my trust is / in thy / mercy:*
and my heart is / joyful / in thy • sal- / vation.

I will sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so / lovingly • with / me:*
yea, I will praise the / Name of • the / Lord most / Highest.

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.

Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine*



PRESERVE / me, O / God:*
for in thee / have I / put my / trust.

O my soul, thou hast said un- / to the / Lord:*
Thou art my God, my goods are / nothing / unto / thee.

All my delight is upon the saints that are / in the / earth:*
and upon / such as • ex- / cel in / virtue.

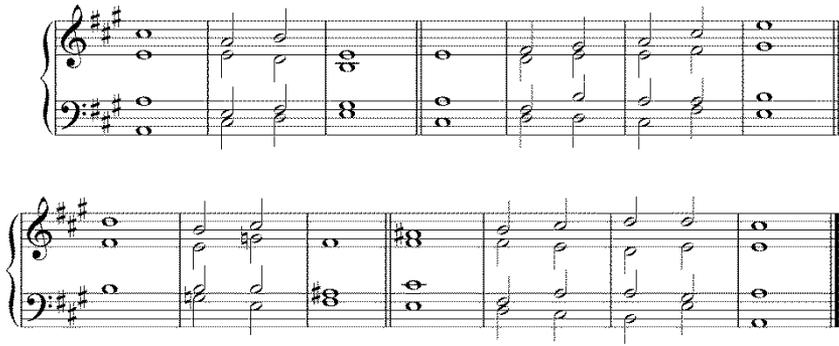
But they that run after a- / nother / god:*
--- / • shall / have great / trouble.

Their drink-offerings of blood will / I not / offer:*
neither make mention of their / names with- / in my / lips.

The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and / of my / cup:*
thou / shalt main- / tain my / lot.

The lot is fallen unto me / in a • fair / ground:*
yea, / I have • a / goodly / heritage.

I will thank the Lord for / giving • me / warning:*
my reins also / chasten • me / in the • night / season.



I have set God / always • be- / fore me:*

for he is on my right hand, / therefore • I / shall not / fall.

Wherefore my heart was glad, and my / glory • re- / joiced:*

my flesh / also • shall / rest in / hope.

For why? thou shalt not leave my / soul in / hell:*

neither shalt thou suffer thy / Holy One • to / see cor- / ruption.

Thou shalt shew me the / path of / life:*

in thy presence is the fulness of joy:

and at thy right hand there is / pleasure • for / ever- / more.

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 (1 Samuel 16: 14-end)

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him." Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

Magnificat

Mr. Parsley's Service – Christopher Tye

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 (Luke 8: 1-3)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

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

Rose

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.

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

ALMIGHTY God, whose blessed Son did sanctify Mary Magdalene, and call her to be a witness to his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by thy grace we may be healed of all our infirmities, and always serve thee in the power of his endless life; who with thee and the Holy Spirit 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-

In diebus illis – G.P Palestrina

*In diebus illis, mulier
quae erat in civitate peccatrix,
ut cognovit quod Jesus accubuit
in domo Simonis leprosi,
attulit alabastrum unguenti:
et stans retro secus pedes Domini Jesu,
lacrimis coepit rigare pedes ejus,
et capillis capitis sui tergebat:
et osculabatur pedes ejus,
et unguento ungebat.*

*A woman in that town who lived a sinful
life
learned that Jesus was eating at the
Pharisee's house,
so she came there with an alabaster jar of
perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet
weeping, she began to wet his feet with her
tears. Then she wiped them with her hair,
kissed them and poured perfume on them.*

Closing Prayers

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness of his resurrection, forgive us and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

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

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.**

Officiant

The Lord be with you

Choir

And with thy Spirit.

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

Choir

Thanks be to God.

Hymn – There is a Balm in Gilead



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed
whole. There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick
soul. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in
If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like
vain, but then the Ho-ly Spi-rit re-vives my soul a-gain.
Paul, you can tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."

Voluntary – Schmücke dich o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms

NEXT WEDNESDAY: JULY 28

A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER
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Led by The Dean, Mark Russom, cello, and Michael Bloss