

Wednesday, October 7, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral

## A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER

**Officiant:** Dan Tatarnic **Homilist:** Terry DeForest;  
**Cantors:** Sarah McPherson, Richard Cunningham; **Organ:** Michael Bloss.

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. In this time of social distancing and while the cathedral is closed, may these opportunities for online worship draw us together in a unity of faith.*

### Words of Welcome

**Duet:** Et in unum (Mass in b)

J.S. Bach

#### ***Et in unum***

*Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,  
Filium Dei unigenitum, et ex patre natum ante omnia  
saecula, Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,  
Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum non factum,  
consubstantialem Patri; per quem omnia facta sunt. Qui  
propter nos homines et propter nostram salutem descendit  
de caelis.*

#### ***Et in unum***

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God, eternally begotten of the  
Father,  
God from God, light from light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not  
made,  
of one being with the Father; through  
Him all things were made. For us and  
for our salvation He came down from  
heaven.*

**Sentence** – The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him..

*St. John 4: 23*

## Introductory responses

Officiant All

Light and peace in Christ Jesus our hope Thanks be to God

Officiant All

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

O loving God,  
keeper of the vineyard,  
support your people by your Holy Spirit,  
so that we may bring forth  
the fruits of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ, the eternal vine.

All

A - - - - - men.

## Hymn: The Duteous Day now Closeth

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)

MUSIC: *O Welt ich muss dich lassen*, melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517). INNSBRUCK



The du - teous day \_\_\_\_ now clos - eth each \_\_\_\_  
Now all the heaven - ly splen - dour breaks  
Though long our mor - tal blind - ness has \_\_\_\_

flow'r and tree re - pos - eth, shade creeps o'er wild and  
forth in star - light ten - der from myr - iad worlds un -  
missed God's lov - ing kind - ness and plunged us in - to

wood: let us, as night is fall - ing, on \_\_\_\_ God our Ma - ker  
known; and we, this mar - vel see - ing, for - get our self - ish  
strife; yet when life's day \_\_\_\_ is o - ver, shall death's fair night dis -

call - ing, give thanks to him, the Giv - er good.  
be - ing for joy of beau - ty not our own.  
cov - er the fields of ev - er - last - ing life.

## PSALM 130 *De profundis*

Tone II, 2



Cantor OUT OF the depths have I called to you, O God, **hear** my voice;\*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-**ca**-tion.

All If you were to note what is **done** amiss,\*  
O God, who could **stand**?

Cantor For there is forgiveness **with** you;\*  
therefore you shall be **feared**.

All I wait for you, O God, my soul **waits** for you;\*  
my hope is in your **word**.

My soul waits for God, more than sentinels for the **morn**-ing,\*  
more than sentinels for the **morning**.



Cantor

O Israel, **wait** for God,\*  
the One with whom there is **mercy**.

All

With you, O God, there is plenteous re-**demp**-tion,\*  
and you shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

Glory to God, Source of all **be**-ing,  
eternal **W**ord and Holy **Spi**-rit.

As it was in the **be-gin**-ning,  
is now and will be forever. **A-men**

### Gradual Alleluia

*(assembly joins in the **Refrain**, cantor sings the verse.)*



Al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia.

Al-le-lu - ia.

*O shepherd of Israel bear us  
You who lead Joseph like a flock*

### Word (Luke 7: 18-35)

The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’” Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, plagues, and evil spirits, and had given sight to many who were blind. And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John; yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.” (And all the people who heard this, including the tax collectors, acknowledged the justice of God, because they had been baptized with John's baptism. But by refusing to be baptized by him, the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves.)

“To what then will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not weep.’

For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

**Words of Reflection:** The Rev. Canon Terry DeForest

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, and sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God's peace.

## The Song of Mary

*(sung by all)*



My soul proclaims the greatness of the **Lord**;  
My spirit rejoices in **God** my saviour  
For you Lord have looked with **favour**  
on your **lowly** servant.

From this day all generations will call me **blest**  
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy **is** your name

You have mercy on those who **fear** you:  
From generation to **generation**.

You have shown strength with your **arm**  
And scattered the proud in **their** conceit.

Casting down the mighty from their **thrones**  
And lifting **up** the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good **things**  
And sent the rich **away** empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant **Israel**  
To remember the **promise** of mercy

The promise you made to our **forebears**  
To Abraham, Sarah, and their **children** for ever.

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.

## Collect

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

God, our beloved,  
you have set before us  
the goal of new life in Christ.  
May we live in the power of his resurrection  
and bring forth the fruit  
of your gentle and loving rule.

**Amen.**

## The Litany

**Refrain** *(All sing the **Refrain** after the introduction and between each intercession).*



God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Teach us to love others as you have loved us.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Fill the world with your peace and justice.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need.  
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

### Refrain

## Lord's Prayer

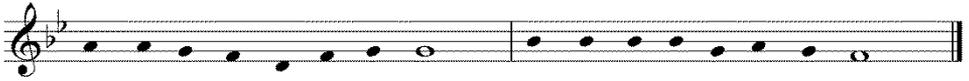
Confident in hope, let us gather our prayers and praises into one,  
and pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Hymn – To You Before the Close of Day



To you be-fore the close of day, Cre - a - tor of all things, we pray  
Save us from trou-bled, rest-less sleep; from all ill dreams your chil-dren keep.  
A heal-ty life we ask of you: the fire of love in us re - new,  
Al-migh-ty Fa - ther, hear our cry through Je-sus Christ, our Lord most high,



that, in your sav - ing con-stant - cy, our guard and kee-per you would be.  
So calm our minds that fears may cease and rest - ed bod-ies wake in peace.  
and when the dawn new light will bring, your praise and glo - ry we shall sing.  
whom with the Spi - rit we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**

**Organ** – De Profundis

J. S. Bach

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NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14:

A HYMN FESTIVAL: LET JUSTICE ROLL

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