

Sunday, September 6, 2020– Christ’s Church Cathedral
A SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER FOR
THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Officiant: Dan Tatarnic *Homilist:* Terry DeForest;
Soloist/Cantor: Jeremy Ludwig; *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

Sentence – Not to us, O Lord, but to your name give glory.

Solo– Welcome, worthy treasure BWV 36

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Willkommen, werter Schatz!
Die Lieb und Glaube machet Platz
Vor dich in meinem Herzen rein,
Zieh bei mir ein!*

*Welcome, worthy treasure!
Love and faith make room
for You in my purified heart,
draw near to me!*

Introductory responses

Officiant All

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

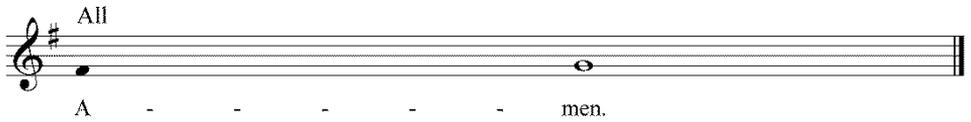
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Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Blessed be God for - ever.

Officiant All

Holy, immortal one have mercy up - on us.

God of unity and truth,
 encourage the fervent,
 enlighten the doubtful
 and bring back the wayward.
 Gather us all together in mutual love,
 so that our prayer may be pleasing to you.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God for ever and ever.



Hymn – Open My Eyes

TEXT: Clara H. Scott, 1895

MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895. OPEN MY EYES



O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voi - ces of truth thou send - est clear;
 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where;



place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 and while the wave - notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear.
 o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren thus to share



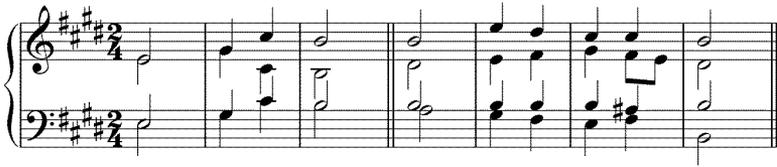
Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



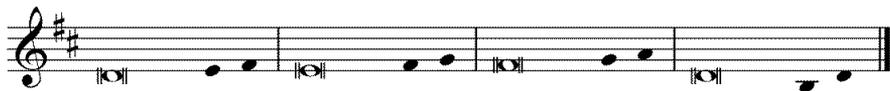
O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. Sung by all.

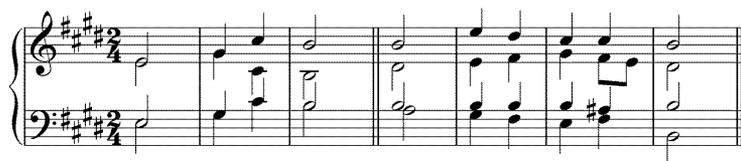
Psalm 103 *Benedic, animea mea*



- 1 Bless our God / O my / soul;*
let all that is within me / praise God's / holy / name.
- 2 Bless our God / O my / soul;*
remember / all God's / bene- / fits.
- 3 O God you forgive / all our sins*
and heal / all our • in- / firmi- / ties;
- 4 You redeem our life / from the / grave*
and crown us with / mercy • and / loving / kindness;
- 5 You satisfy us / with good / things,*
and our / youth is • re- / newed like • an / eagle's.
- 6 O God you / execute / righteousness*
and judgement for / all who / are op- / ressed.
- 7 **2nd** You made your ways / known to / Moses*
and your works / to the / children • of Israel.



- 8 O God you are full of compassion **and** mercy,*
slow to anger and of **great** kindness.
- 9 You will not always **ac**-cuse us,*
nor will you keep your anger **for**-ever.
- 10 You have not dealt with us according to **our** sins,*
nor rewarded us according to **our** wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above **the** earth,*
so is your mercy great upon those **who** fear you.
- 12 As far as the east is from **the** west,*
so far have you removed our sins **from** us.
- 13 As parents care for **their** children,*
so do you care for those **who** love you.
- 14 For you yourself know whereof we **are** made,*
you remember that we are **but** dust.
- 15 Our days are like **the** grass;*
we flourish like a flower of **the** field.



- 16 When the wind goes over it / it is / gone,*
and its / place shall / know it • no / more.



- 17 But your merciful goodness endures for ever
on / those who / fear you,*
and your / righteousness ● on / children's / children.
- 18 2nd On those who / keep your / covenant*
and re- / member ● your / commandments ● and / do them.
- 19 The Lord has set his / throne in / heaven,
and his kingship has do- / min-ion / o-ver / all.
- 20 Bless the Lord you angels of his,
you mighty ones who / do his / bidding,
and / hearken ● to the / voice of ● his / word.
- 21 Bless the Lord all / you his / hosts,
you ministers of / his who / do his / will.
- 22 Bless the Lord all you works of his,
in all places of / his do- / minion;
--- / bless the ● Lord, / O my / soul.

Glory to God, / Source of ● all / being*
eternal / Word and / Holy / Spirit.

As it was / in the ● be- / ginning,
is now and will be for- / ever. / A- / men.

Gradual Alleluia

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



*Welcome with meekness the implanted Word,
that has the power to save your souls.*

Word (Matthew 5: 13-20)

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Words of Reflection: 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.

Lord of the church, you call a broken people around your table:
in times of disagreement teach us to listen,
loose us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace;
through Jesus Christ,
who stands at the heart of our gathering.

Amen.

The Litany

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



O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service and praise.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Give us an awareness of the unity of the human family.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness; inspire a thirst for what is right.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Help us praise your creation, sharing all the good things you provide.
Holy One, hear and have mercy.

Refrain

Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.
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 God Be the Glory

Blessed Assurance and this text are among the best known of the thousands of gospel song texts written by Crosby. However, these words focus on objective praise for God's mighty acts in Christ, and not on the personal experience themes more commonly associated with gospel hymns. Doane's cheerful music was composed for these words.



To God be the glo - ry who great things has done! God
O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to
Great things God has taught us great things God has done, and
so loved the world, free - ly send - ing the Son, who
ev - ery be - liev - er the pro - mise of God, that
great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but
yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin, and
when the of - fen - der, re - pen - ting be - lieves through
pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our
o - pened the life - gate that all may go in. Praise the
Je - sus' a - tone - ment, God's pro - mise re - ceives.
won - der, our glad - ness when Je - sus we see!
Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice. Praise the Lord! Praise the
Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through
Je - sus the Son, and give God the glo - ry, who great things has done.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia!

Organ –So wünsch ich dir (*from Sonate III*)

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)

NEXT SUNDAY: EVENING PRAYER FOR
PENTECOST 15
A CATHEDRAL ORGAN OPEN HOUSE

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