

The Church of St. John the Divine
Choral Evensong
Sept 6, 2020 ■ The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
We acknowledge these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.

Officiants: The Venerable Alastair McCollum
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Music: Choral and Organ Scholars of the Church of St. John the Divine

A note about COVID-19 safety: *Please remain in your places through the service except in case of emergency. The toilet, located through the door at the front left, is for emergency use only. At the end of the service, the usher will indicate when it is your turn to leave.*

Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.

A note about language: *In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Please stand as the clergy enter.

THE RESPONSES

Musical setting: Wm. Smith (1603-45)

- Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips
Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.
Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.
Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;
Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM

Psalm 108

Please sit for the Psalm, but stand at the final 'Glory be to the Father...'

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 12.21-13.16

Please sit during the reading of the lesson.

MAGNIFICAT

Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: T. Weelkes (1576-1623)

Please stand.

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 showed 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 the 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.

SECOND LESSON

Mark 7.24-end

Please sit during the reading of the lesson.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Text: Matthew 5:1-12. Music: Weelkes

Please stand.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

All may join in reciting the creed.

**All: 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.**

RESPONSES, LORD'S PRAYER, AND COLLECTS

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

First Collect, of the day:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Collect, for Peace:

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 both 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.

Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:

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.

ANTHEM

Text: Latin Gradual. Music: A. Bruckner (1824-1896)

Please sit as the choir sings the anthem.

Translation from the Latin:

This is the Lord's house ; that which the Lord has made.
Profoundly sacred, it is beyond reproof.

INTERCESSIONS

Please sit or kneel for the intercessions.

FINAL HYMN

ANGEL VOICES *Text Francis Pott (1832-1909); Music E.G. Monk (1819-1900)*

*In line with current Covid regulations the congregation is asked not sing;
words are provided for meditation on the text of the hymn.*

Please sit as the choir sings.

Angel-voices, ever singing Round thy throne of light,
Angel-harps for ever ringing, Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee And confess thee Lord of might
For we know that thou rejoicest O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's measure For thy pleasure all combine.
In thy house, great God, we offer Of thine own to thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer In humility
Hearts and minds and hand and voices In our choicest psalmody.
Honour, glory, might and merit Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity.
Of the best which thou hast given Earth and heaven render thee.

BLESSING

Please stand.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Please remain seated in your places until your turn to leave is indicated by an usher.
There are recycling bins for this service sheet by the exit, as well as hand-sanitizing stations.*