

CHORAL EVENSONG

with the

COLLATION OF AN ARCHDEACON



Sunday, September 25, 2022
Proper 26, Year C
4.00 p.m.

**Choral Evensong
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Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 20

Officiant: The Reverend Ross Bliss

Music for the Responses: Cecilia McDowall

Setting for the Canticles: Service in A flat — Basil Harwood (d. 1949)

This service is being broadcast live on the internet. By attending, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

Please stand as the chancel party enters.

Preces & Responses

remain standing

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, & ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Office Hymn

Tune: Brother James' Air (Common Praise #498)

How lovely is thy dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts, to me!

My thirsty soul desires and longs

within thy courts to be;

my very heart and flesh cry out,

O living God, for thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,

the swallows find a nest;

how happy they who dwell with thee

and praise thee without rest,

and happy they whose hearts are set

upon the pilgrim's quest.

They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.

*Text: Ps. 84; para. sts. 1-2, Scottish Psalter, 1650; para. sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (1944-).
Sts. 3-4 © 1981 Hope Publishing Co.
Music: James Leith Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925); arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984), alt.
Arr. © Oxford University Press.*

Welcome and Homily

The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee / please be seated

The Collation of an Archdeacon

The congregation remains seated. The dean presents the archdeacon-designate, who stands before the bishop.

The Dean Bishop Anna, I present Eric James Partridge to be collated as a diocesan Archdeacon.

Bishop Eric, will you promise to perform loyally and faithfully all such duties of ministry as may be entrusted to you as an archdeacon in our diocese?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Bishop Eric, will you further the life and witness of the Church in this diocese, both in your work and in your prayers, and diligently exhort those among whom you minister to do the same?

Answer I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you, so far as in you lies, perform gladly and willingly the duties pertaining to your office which shall be required of you?

Answer I will, with God's help.

The letter of appointment is now read by the chancellor. The dean then installs the new archdeacon with these words:

Dean In accordance with the appointment and mandate of Anna our Bishop, I install you, Eric, as an archdeacon of this diocese with a seat in the cathedral chancel, and as a member of the Cathedral Chapter. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth for evermore.

People **Amen.**

All now stand.

Bishop Creator of all, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the communion of your universal church: hear our prayer for your faithful people, that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love. Give to this your servant the needful gifts of grace: the heart of a pastor, the wisdom of the saints and the spirit of Jesus, the Perfecter of our faith, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns ever one God world without end.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop invites the assembly to welcome the new Archdeacon.

The Continuation of Evensong

Psalms 134, 135.1-13

sung by the choir / please be seated

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, ♦
you that by night stand in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary and bless the Lord. ♦
The Lord who made heaven and earth give you blessing out of Zion.

Alleluia. Praise the name of the Lord; ♦
give praise, you servants of the Lord,

You that stand in the house of the Lord, ♦
in the courts of the house of our God.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; ♦
make music to his name, for it is lovely.

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself ♦
and Israel for his own possession.

For I know that the Lord is great ♦
and that our Lord is above all gods.

The Lord does whatever he pleases in heaven and on earth, ♦
in the seas and in all the deeps.

He brings up the clouds from the ends of the earth; ♦
he makes lightning with the rain and brings the winds out of his treasuries.

He smote the firstborn of Egypt, ♦
the firstborn of man and beast.

He sent signs and wonders into your midst, O Egypt, ♦
upon Pharaoh and all his servants.

He smote many nations ♦
and slew mighty kings:

Sihon, king of the Amorites, and Og, the king of Bashan, ♦
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.

He gave their land as a heritage, ♦
a heritage for Israel his people.

Your name, O Lord, endures for ever ♦
and shall be remembered through all generations.

First Reading

Nehemiah 2

Following the return of the Babylonian exiles to Jerusalem, Nehemiah rallies the people to begin to reconstruct its devastated walls.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Magnificat

sung by the choir, all standing

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 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, etc.

Second Reading

John 8.31-33,48-59 / all seated

Jesus' opponents question his lineage and identity, in an effort to discredit his teaching.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: Nunc dimittis

all standing

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, etc.

The Apostles' Creed

all remain standing

Officiant I believe in God
All say **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.

Lesser Litany & the Lord's Prayer

Officiant The Lord be with you.
Choir And with thy spirit.
Officiant Let us pray.

All kneel with the officiant

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir 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.

Suffrages

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

American Book of Common Prayer, p. 182

Officiant O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Choir Amen.

Fixed Collects

Officiant 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.
Choir Amen.

Officiant 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.
Choir Amen.

Anthem

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

Commissioned by Mary Barlow for the Choirs of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria BC to the Glory of God and in memory of her husband, David Barlow (1931-2018). This piece was first offered at the Feast of St Michael and All Angels (September 29, 2019) and the 90th anniversary of the consecration of the present cathedral building, to which David lovingly gave much of his life.

The souls of the saints rejoice in heav'n.
They who have followed in the footsteps of Christ,
because they have shed their blood for love of him,
they rejoice with Christ without end.

Holy Saint Michael, pray for us.
Holy Saint Andrew, pray for us.
Holy Saint Cecilia, pray for us.
Holy Saint Thomas, pray for us.
Holy Saint Mary, pray for us.
Holy Saint David, pray for us.
Holy Saint John, pray for us.
All you saints of God, pray for us. Alleluia.

Text: From the sequence Gaudent in Coelis and the Litany of the Saints

Prayers of the Community
Prayer of John Chrysostom

*all kneel with the Officiant
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Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt hear their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

People **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Tune: Westminster Abbey (Common Praise # 300)

During the hymn, a monetary offering will be received. Unless otherwise designated (e.g. through the use of offering envelopes), this evening's offering will go to support those preparing for ordained ministry.

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one,
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;

with thy wonted loving-kindness,
hear thy servants as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls alway.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever three, and ever one,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

*Text: Latin (Angularius fundamentum, 7th cent.) tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1886). alt.
Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1696), O God, thou art my God; adapt. The Psalmist, 1842.*

The Blessing

All remain standing as the chancel party retires.

Voluntary: "Toccatà" from "Suite"

Denis Bédard (b. 1950)



Please plan to join us for a reception to follow here in the cathedral.

Meet your New Archdeacon



Archdeacon Eric Partridge wandered through a varied career of teaching in the public schools, college and university, practicing law, running a small garment business, various roles as a government bureaucrat and finally found his way home to the priesthood. Eric and his wife, Sara, live happily in a multigenerational home with eight other souls.

Assisting with the Liturgy

<i>Greeters</i>	David Mensink, Gwyneth Evans
<i>Verger</i>	Peter Reid
<i>Servers</i>	Cyrus Chan, Jen Purkis, Peter Gardiner-Harding
<i>Cathedral Leadership</i>	Stephen Calderwood Margaret Ketchen
<i>Musicians</i>	The Cathedral Guild of Bell Ringers The Cathedral Choir Mark McDonald, <i>Assistant Director of Music</i> Donald Hunt, <i>Director of Music</i>
<i>Readers</i>	Sara Partridge The Rev'd Canon Dr John Alfred Steele, CD
<i>Chancellor</i>	Robert S. Gill
<i>Vice Chancellor</i>	Isabel Weeks
<i>Registrar</i>	Michael Wolff
<i>Treasurer</i>	Barbara Underhill
<i>Clerical Secretary</i>	The Rev'd Dr Paul Schumacher
<i>Cathedral Canons</i>	The Reverend Canon Jeannine Friesen The Reverend Canon Craig Hiebert The Reverend Canon Dr John Alfred Steele
<i>Archdeacons</i>	The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott The Venerable Lon Towstego