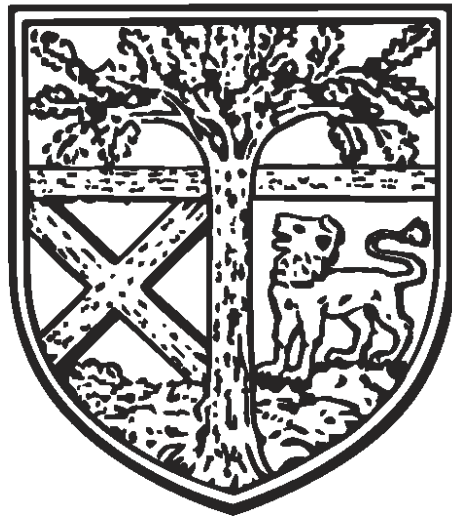


Prelude Recital at 4:30 p.m.
Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m.



Sunday, March 17, 2024

THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH
ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and humans which began long before you were born, and will go on long after you are dead. So do not be surprised, or disturbed, if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand.

Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful work of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

(Quoted from Coventry Cathedral Evensong service leaflets)

ORGAN PRELUDE RECITAL

Colin Lynch

Boléro de Concert, Op. 166

Louis James Alfred Lefébure Wély (1817-1869)

Passacaglia from Sonata No. 8, Op. 132

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Variations on a theme by Paganini

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Air and Toccato (sic) from Suite No. 1

Florence Price (1887-1953)

Colin Lynch, hailed as "an impeccable performer with compelling musicality and technical command," (*The American Organist Magazine*) maintains a busy performance career that has taken him to prominent venues throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada, South Africa, Brazil, and Argentina. At the invitation of the Cuban government, he traveled to Cuba as a featured performer and lecturer at the Ars Longa Baroque Music Festival. In recent seasons, he has made debuts on Pipedreams on NPR, the Piccolo Spoleto Festival, and at national conventions of the American Guild of Organists, the Organ Historical Society, and the Association of Anglican Musicians.

A passionate church musician, Colin serves as Director of Music and Organist at Trinity Church, Copley Square in Boston, MA, which boasts an internationally recognized music program in one of the most architecturally significant buildings in the country. Previously, he has held positions at Christ & Holy Trinity Church in Westport, CT, Marquand Chapel of the Yale Divinity School, the Episcopal Church at Yale, and as organ scholar at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago. As Director of Chapel Music and School Organist at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, he led the choirs on multiple national and international tours and produced two commercially available recordings.

Colin Lynch is a First Prize Winner of the Fort Wayne National Organ Playing Competition and holds degrees from Northwestern University, Yale University, and Oberlin Conservatory where his teachers included Douglas Cleveland, Thomas Murray, James David Christie, and Olivier Latry. In addition to accompanying choirs on multiple recordings, his critically acclaimed debut solo album *The Organ of Stambaugh Auditorium* is available on the Raven Label. He is represented by Concert Artist Cooperative.

WELCOME

The Rev. Michael J. Hodges, Rector

The Congregation stands, as able.

HYMN 148

Creator of the earth and skies

Uffingham



- 1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the
2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -
3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age
4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of
5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



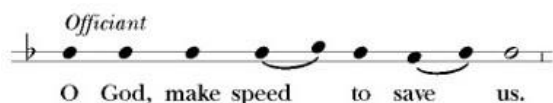
- 1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us
2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -
3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man
4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -
5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



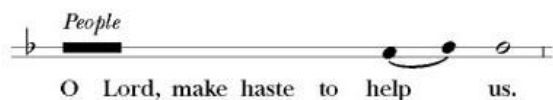
- 1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.
2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.
3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.
4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.
5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

Words: David W. Hughes (1911-1967), alt. By permission of J. Donald P. Hughes. Music: *Uffingham*, melody and bass Jeremiah Clarke (1670-1707), alt.; harm. *Songs for Liturgy and More Hymns and Spiritual Songs*, 1971.

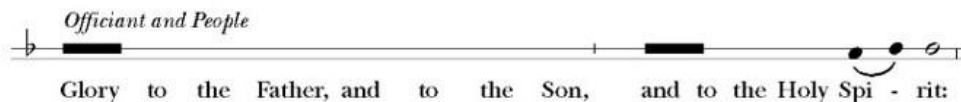
THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER *(standing, sung by all)*



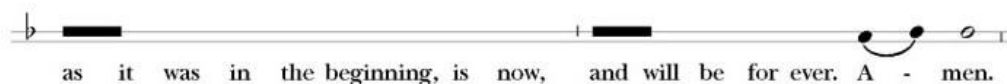
O God, make speed to save us.



O Lord, make haste to help us.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

O Gracious Light [S-61] *Phos hilaron (standing, sung by all)*

McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

1. O gra-cious Light, pure bright-ness of the ev-er-liv-ing

Fa-ther in heaven, O Je-sus Christ, ho-ly and

bless-ed! 2. Now as we come to the set-ting of the

sun, and our eyes be-hold the ves-per light, we sing your

prais-es, O God: Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

3. You are wor-thy at all times to be praised by hap-py

voic-es, O Son of God, O Giv-er of

life, and to be glo-ri-fied through all the worlds.

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The Congregation is seated.

Psalm 39 (*Sung by the Choir*)

James L. McConaughy (b. 1946)
Tune: Van Zandt

- 1 I said, "I will keep watch upon my ways, *
so that I do not offend with my tongue.
- 2 I will put a muzzle on my mouth *
while the wicked are in my presence."
- 3 So I held my tongue and said nothing; *
I refrained from rash words; but my pain became unbearable.
- 4 My heart was hot within me; while I pondered, the fire burst into flame; *
I spoke out with my tongue:
- 5 Lord, let me know my end and the number of my days, *
so that I may know how short my life is.
- 6 You have given me a mere handful of days, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight; *
truly, even those who stand erect are but a puff of wind
- 7 We walk about like a shadow, and in vain we are in turmoil; *
we heap up riches and cannot tell who will gather them. 8
- 8 And now, what is my hope? *
O Lord, my hope is in you
- 9 Deliver me from all my transgressions *
and do not make me the taunt of the fool.
- 10 I fell silent and did not open my mouth, *
for surely it was you that did it.
- 11 Take your affliction from me; *
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.
- 12 With rebukes for sin you punish us; like a moth you eat away all that is dear to us; *
truly, everyone is but a puff of wind.
- 13 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; *
hold not your peace at my tears.
- 14 For I am but a sojourner with you, *
a wayfarer, as all my forebears were.
- 15 Turn your gaze from me, that I may be glad again, *
before I go my way and am no more.

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.

THE LESSONS

A reading from a Letter of Paul to the Romans (12:1-21, NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat in B flat*
 Luke 1:46-55

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
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, 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.

A reading from John (8:46-59, NRSV)

Which of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is from God hears the words of God. The reason you do not hear them is that you are not from God.' The Jews answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honour my Father, and you dishonour me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is one who seeks it and he is the judge. Very truly, I tell you, whoever keeps my word will never see death.' The Jews said to him, 'Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets; yet you say, "Whoever keeps my word will never taste death." Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets also died. Who do you claim to be?' Jesus answered, 'If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, "He is our God", though you do not know him. But I know him; if I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.' Then the Jews said to him, 'You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?' Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.' So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

The Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis in B flat*
 Luke 2:29-32

Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

All stand, as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*monotoned*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *The People stand or kneel.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.


People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.


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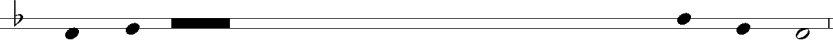
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace - ful,

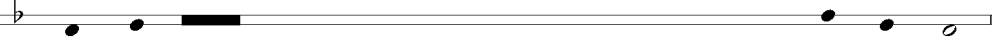
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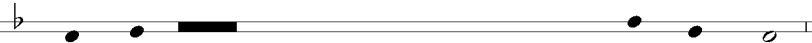



We en - treat you, O Lord.

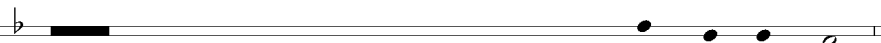
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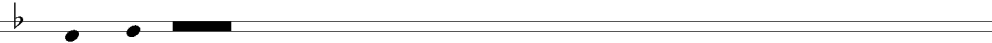

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,


That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,


That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,


That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,


and not be condemned before the great judg - ment seat of Christ,


That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of


[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

A Collect for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

A Prayer in the Evening

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

ANTHEM

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren, Op. 30

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Lass dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so sei vergnügt mein Wille.
Was willst du heute sorgen auf morgen, der Eine steht allem für, der gibt auch dir das Deine.
Sei nur in allem Handel ohn' Wandel, steh' feste, was Gott beschleusst, das ist und heisst das Beste.
Amen.
- Text: Paul Flemming (1609-1640)

*Do not be sorrowful or regretful, be calm, as God has ordained, and thus my will shall be content.
What do you want to worry about from day to day? There is One who stands above all who gives you, too, what is yours.
Only be steadfast in all you do, stand firm; what God has decided, that is and must be the best.
Amen.*
- English translation by Pamela Dellal

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

A GAELIC BLESSING


John Rutter (b. 1945)

Sung by the Choir

Deep peace of the running wave to you,
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you,
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you,
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you,
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,
 Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you.
 Deep peace of Christ to you.


DISMISSAL

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

HYMN 42 (*standing*)

Now the day is over

Merriall



1 Now the day is o - ver, night is draw - ing nigh,
 2 Je - sus, give the wear - y calm and sweet re - pose;
 3 Grant to lit - tle child - ren vis - ions bright of thee;
 4 Com - fort ev - ery suf - ferer watch - ing late in pain;
 5 Through the long night watch - es may thine an - gels spread



1 sha - dows of the eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
 2 with thy tend - erest bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
 3 guard the sail - ors toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.
 4 those who plan some e - vil from their sin re - strain.
 5 their white wings a - bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

1 eve - ning steal a - cross the sky.
 2 bless - ing may our eye - lids close.
 3 toss - ing on the deep, blue sea.
 4 e - vil from their sin re - strain.
 5 bove me, watch - ing round my bed.

6 When the morning wakens,
 then may I arise
 Pure, and fresh, and sinless
 in thy holy eyes.

Words: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: *Merriall*, Joseph Barnby (1838-1896).

The congregation is seated for the closing voluntary.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 533

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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