



Episcopal Church of  
**The Redeemer**  
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CHORAL EVENSONG

MARCH 7, 2021

4:00 PM

Welcome to The Redeemer. We’re glad you’re here!

Worship is our direct response to God. We do not gather merely to talk about God; worship is our being present before God, who invites our participation—whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, whether you have come to affirm your faith or to explore something about Christian belief and practice.

This service is a communal event that will be made more beautiful and inspiring by your active involvement in responding and in attentive listening. Your own engagement makes possible a newly realized sense of faith and hope and love for us all.

Worship at  
The Redeemer  
Sunday

8:30am-Worship via Zoom  
10:00am-Choral Matins  
in Church and via Livestream

Daily  
9:00pm-Compline via Zoom

Wednesday  
Noon-Holy Eucharist

Monthly  
4:00pm-Choral Evensong  
First Sunday of the month

“Evensong ... is a very tiny fragment of something else: It is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the 24 in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong ... it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and [people] which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead.

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

Offerings and pledge envelopes may be left in the alms basins at the back of the church.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Cantabile, from *Symphonie II*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

*The congregation stands as the procession enters during the prelude and sits for the Introit.*

Introit

Prelude on “Abide with Me”

*played by Schola Bell Group*

*The congregation stands.*

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*Other sentences added by the Officiant.*

Hymn 662

Abide with Me

Eventide

*sung by the choir (Please refrain from singing the hymns)*

- 1
- Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- 2
- I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
- 3
- I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
- 4
- Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.



*The congregation kneels*

CONFESSON OF SIN

Officiant

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The congregation stands.*

PRECES AND RESPONSES

Bryn Mawr Responses

Robert Lehman (b.1960)

*sung by the officiant and choir*

O Lord, open thou our lips,  
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us;  
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

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.*

Praise ye the Lord.  
*The Lord’s name be praised.*

*The congregation is seated.*

PSALM 124

Michael J. Diorio (b.1978)

*sung by the choir*

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
—let Israel now say—  
if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,  
then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;  
then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone  
the raging waters.  
Blessed be the LORD,  
who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird  
from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken,  
and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LESSON from Letter to the Hebrews 10:32-39

But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and



more lasting. Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet ‘in a very little while, the one who is coming will come and will not delay; but my righteous one will live by faith. My soul takes no pleasure in anyone who shrinks back.’ But we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved.

*Following the reading:*

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

*A time for meditation is provided here.*

MAGNIFICAT

from the *Gloucester Service*

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*sung by the choir*

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 shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

LESSON from The Gospel According to Matthew 24:9-14

‘Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But anyone who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

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Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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NUNC DIMITIS                      from the *Gloucester Service*                      Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 shall be for ever world without end. Amen.

APOSTLES’ CREED

*said by all, standing*  
**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.**

LESSER LITANY AND RESPONSES

*sung by the choir*  
  
The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*  
Let us pray.

*The congregation kneels.*

*Lord have mercy upon us.  
Christ have mercy upon us.  
Lord have mercy upon us.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*people and officiant*  
**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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SUFFRAGES

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

THE COLLECTS

*the Collect of the Day and others chosen by the officiant*

*The congregation sits.*

ANTHEM

*sung by the choir*  
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 stands.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*said by all*  
**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*said by the officiant*  
Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCES

*Officiant*    Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING VERSES

*said by the officiant*

HYMN 24

*The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended*                      St. Clement  
*sung by the choir (Please refrain from singing the hymns)*

- 1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,  
the darkness falls at thy behest;  
to thee our morning hymns ascended,  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 2 We thank thee that thy Church, unsleeping  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
- 3 As o’er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,  
like earth’s proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

*Please remain standing as the procession departs. Following their departure,  
the congregation may be seated for the postlude or depart in silence.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Finale, from *Symphonie III*                      Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**The Rev. Peter T. Vanderveen,** *Officiant*

**Dr. Michael J. Diorio,** *Organist / Director of Music*

**Staff Singers**  
Brenna Markey, Chloe Moore, Hope Knight, Laurie MacKenzie  
Ken Garner, Wilson Jeffreys, Matthew Fisher, Mark Hightower

**Lectors**  
Melanie LeBoeuf, Maddie Jodz

**Verger**  
Bob Mikrut

*Evensongs are held every first Sunday of the month at 4:00pm  
during the academic year.*

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