

CHORAL



Avensong



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The Order for Choral Evensong

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd – Granbury, Texas

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Organ Voluntary

All stand as able as the Choir and Ministers enter in Silent Procession.

Opening Hymn #42

“Now the day is over”

Good Shepherd Choir

Now the day is over, night is drawing nigh,
shadows of the evening steal across the sky.

Jesus give the weary calm and sweet repose;
with thy tenderest blessing may our eyelids close.

Grant to little children visions bright of thee;
guard the sailors tossing on the deep, blue sea.

Comfort every sufferer watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil from their sin restrain.

Through the long night watches may thine angels spread
their white wings above me, watching round my bed.

Opening Sentences

Officiant O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. -*Psalm 96:9*

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. -*Amos 5:8*

Confession of Sin

Officiant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People, all standing

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;

And there is no health in us.

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.***

John LaMontaine (1920–2013)

The Officiant alone says

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

People ***Amen.***

The People sit.

The Invitatory and Psalter

The Officiant and Choir sing responsively.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. The Lord's Name be praised.

The People remain seated as the following Hymn is sung.

Hymnal #36

“O gladsome Light”

Good Shepherd Choir

*O gladsome Light, O grace of God the Father's face, the eternal splendor wearing:
celestial, holy, blest, our Savior Jesus Christ, joyful in thine appearing.*

*Now, ere day fadeth quite, we see the evening light, our wonted hymn outpouring;
Father of might unknown, thee, his incarnate Son, and Holy Spirit adoring.*

*To thee of right belongs all praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Lifegiver;
thee, therefore, O Most High, the world doth glorify, and shall exalt for ever.*

The People remain seated as the Choir sings

Hymnal #S247

“The Magnificat”

Good Shepherd Choir

*Antiphon: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.*

*From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. – Ant.*

*He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. – Ant..*

*Glory 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. – Ant.*

The Apostles' Creed

Said by the Officiant and People together. The People remain seated.

***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.***

All remain seated as the Choir sings

Choral Response

Hymnal #S253

“Nunc dimittis”

Good Shepherd Choir

*Lord, you now have set your servant free, to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.
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 Prayers

The Officiant and People say the following responsively

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

R. Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is said by 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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Then follow these Suffrages, said responsively by the Cantor and People

V. That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That thy holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and goodwill.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may be pardoned and forgiven our sins and offenses.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That there may be peace to thy Church and to the whole world.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may depart this life in thy faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great judgement seat of Christ.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

V. That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the community of all thy saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ.

R. We entreat you, O Lord.

The following Collects are said by the Officiant; the People respond, "Amen."

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A Collect for Aid against 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 Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

People **Amen**

Offertory

Officiant Let us offer up our gifts to Almighty God.

Anthem “*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*” by John Rutter **Good Shepherd Choir**

Closing Prayers

V. The Lord be with you.

R. *And with thy spirit.*

The Officiant may then offer prayers for mission and for the world

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Words: The Royal School of Church Music Chorister’s Prayer Music: Martin How (b. 1931)

Then all stand as able for the singing of the final Hymn.

Closing Hymn #487 “*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life*” **Good Shepherd Choir**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.
Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

The Blessing

Hymnal #S31

Cantor Let us bless the Lord.

Choir ***Thanks be to God.***

At the conclusion of the Hymn the Choir and Ministers depart; the Congregation may sit as the procession retires.

Organ Voluntary

Those Who Serve This Evening

Officiant

The Reverend Dr. Suzi Robertson

Director of Music Arts

Dr. Iwao Asakura

Organist

Mitzi Ames

Good Shepherd Choir Ensemble

M. Suzanne Back

Peggy Goodell

**Carol Holmgreen
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