



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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*We acknowledge that we are situated on the traditional and
ancestral land of the Semiahmoo First Nation.*



EVENSONG

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 5:00 PM

CONCERNING EVENSONG

PERHAPS nothing is more peculiarly Anglican than the ORDER OF EVENSONG. It has been sung daily in the Anglican Church since the sixteenth century. Originating from the monastic hours, its beauty consists of the distinctive parts of the ancient office of Vespers and Compline as set forth by Thomas Cranmer in *The Book of Common Prayer* 1549. Today's ORDER OF EVENSONG is taken from the Book of Common Prayer 1662 and the 1962 Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada.

There is a formality about the service which often seems far removed from the uncertain, large incoherent beliefs of many who attend; it is a choral service with little opportunity for the congregation to take an active part. Yet to some extent the formality is deceptive: the words used result from the long quest of generation after generation of Christians for ways to express their thanksgiving and their hope. The preface to the ORDER OF EVENSONG used in King's College Chapel offers a further explanation:

If you are prepared to join in this turning towards God, you will find this is a service in which you can join, though perhaps in ways that are unfamiliar. Here is a liturgical, architectural, and musical space into which, without fretting too much about the words, you may gather the preoccupations and anxieties of your own life and hold them together with a recollection of the God whose acts we celebrate. But many have found that once they have quietly offered the preoccupations which are chattering in their minds they are free silently to go on to offer to God all that they are. The service becomes the medium for our self-offering. By that offering we become open to receive again the love and mercy of God. So we begin again in the Christian life, which is life lived in response to that love and mercy.

[Michael Till, Dean of King's College, Cambridge 1970-1981]

The congregation is invited to attend carefully to the texts of the service and to boldly join in singing the designated portions.

EVENSONG

17 March 2024

OPENING VOLUNTARY

All shall stand at the tolling of the bell for the entrance of the ministers and choir.

The Officiant greets the community

AS WE begin our worship, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional and ancestral territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and we pray that we may live more deeply into the calls to action from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

OPENING SENTENCE

The Officiant shall say;

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." *John 8:12*

PRECES

The Officiant shall continue:

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

All shall sit for the appointed PSALM.

PSALM 103:8-18 *Benedic, anima mea*

Sung by the precentor.

- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding; *
neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins; *
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; *
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west; *
so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children; *
even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made; *
he remembereth that we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as grass; *
for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; *
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the LORD endureth
for ever and ever upon them that fear him; *
and his righteousness upon children's children;
- 18 Even upon such as keep his covenant, *
and think upon his commandments to do them.

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 the Wisdom of Solomon, the 1st Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

LOVE RIGHTEOUSNESS, ye that be judges of the earth: think of the Lord with a good (heart,) and in simplicity of heart seek him. For he will be found of them that tempt him not; and sheweth himself unto such as do not distrust him. For froward thoughts separate from God: and his power, when it is tried, reproveth the unwise. For into a malicious soul wisdom shall not enter; nor dwell in the body that is subject unto sin. For the holy spirit of discipline will flee deceit, and remove from thoughts that are without understanding, and will not abide when unrighteousness cometh in. For wisdom is a loving spirit; and will not acquit a blasphemer of his words: for God is witness of his reins, and a true beholder of his heart, and a hearer of his tongue. For the Spirit of the Lord filleth the world: and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Therefore he that speaketh unrighteous things cannot be hid: neither shall vengeance, when it punisheth, pass by him. For inquisition shall be made into the counsels of the ungodly: and the sound of his words shall come unto the Lord for the manifestation of his wicked deeds. For the ear of jealousy heareth all things: and the noise of murmurings is not hid. Therefore beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret, that shall go for nought: and the mouth that beliieth slayeth the soul. Seek not death in the error of your life: and pull not upon yourselves destruction with the works of your hands. For God made not death: neither hath he pleasure in the destruction of the living. For he created all things, that they might have their being: and the generations of the world were healthful; and there is no poison of destruction in them, nor the kingdom of death upon the earth: (For righteousness is immortal:)

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All stand, as able.

OFFICE HYMN

NUNC DIMITTAS

1 O glad - some light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,
2 As day fades in - to night, we see the eve - ning light,
3 To you of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dour wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
our hymn of praise out - pour - ing, Fa - ther of might un - known,
O Son of God, life - giv - er; you, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in your ap - pear - ing.
Christ, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit, a - dor - ing.
the world will glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

All shall remain standing for the MAGNIFICAT (The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

MAGNIFICAT

James Turl (1802-1882)



MY SOUL doth | magnify · the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re | joiced · in | God my | Saviour.
For | he hath · re | garded :
the | lowli · ness | of his | handmaiden.
For be | hold, from | henceforth :
all gene | rations · shall | call me | blessèd.
For he that is mighty hath | magni · fied | me :
and | holy | is his | Name.
And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | **all** | gene | rations.
He hath showed | strength · with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin | ation | of their | hearts.
He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :
and hath ex | alted · the | humble · and | meek.
He hath filled the | hungry · with | good things :
and the rich he | hath sent | empty · a | way.
He re | membering · 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.** | **A** | men.

All shall sit.

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter, beginning at the 30th verse.

AND THE APOSTLES GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER UNTO JESUS, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men..

HERE ENDETH THE LESSON.

All shall stand for the NUNC DIMITTIS (The Song of Simeon).

NUNC DIMITTIS

R. Farrant (1530-1580)



LORD, now lettest thou thy servant de | part in | peace :
ac | cording | to thy | word.

For mine eyes have | seen thy · sal | vation,

Which thou hast prepared be | fore 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 FÁTHER, and | to the | Son :

and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :

world without | **end.** | **A** | men.

All shall remain standing, taking up the APOSTLES' CREED, *following the officiant;*

APOSTLES' CREED

MONOTONE

IBELIEVE 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

Then shall the people stand or kneel as able.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir and People And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The people continue after the 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. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir and People And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the King

Choir and People And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir and People And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir and People And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir and People 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 People And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECTS

The officiant continues.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

OGOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do thy will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PEACE

OGOD, 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. *Amen.*

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 Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

All are seated for the anthem.

ANTHEM:

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All shall stand or kneel; thereafter all say;

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 men; 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 Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF ST CHRYSOSTOM

The prayer shall be pronounced by the Officiant alone;

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 grant their requests; Fulfil 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. *Amen.*


Officiant Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Then shall the Officiant continue;

THE GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*


All then shall stand and sing



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

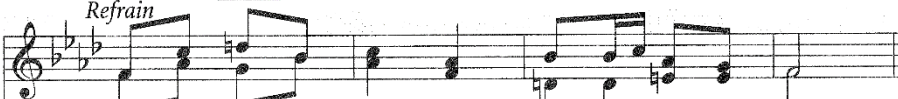


wheat that in dark earth ma - ny days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

Refrain



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

PARISH PRAYER LIST:

For health, wellness, support, and comfort:

Stephanie, Jordan, Alison, Rebecca, Gillian, Eileen, Darren, Ralph, Pat, Sandy, Laurie, Ron, Alisa, Jacob, Shelia, Denise, John, Bill, Peter, Tricia, Jocelyn, Beth, Lindsay, Sandie, Gene, Antony, George, Don, Alexandra, Steven, Sandy, Grant, Allison, Fred, Graham, Susan, Colin, Elmer, Nora, Catherine, Aurora

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Officiant	The Rev. Dr. Terry Dirbas
First Lesson	Shelia Johnston
Second Lesson	Simon Johnston
Crucifer	Karen Eisler
Organist	Ulo Valdma
Choir Director	Rita Buchy
Greeters	Margot Owen & Erin Hallenburg
Streaming	Andrew Kendrick
Altar Guild	Barb Cederlund & Louise Ritchie

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who have come to worship with us today. We are a joyful, inclusive service-oriented community. Our church building is a sacred space and a house of prayer for all. Our parish is composed of people from infants to grandparents, from cradle Anglicans to seekers, and we pride ourselves in being a place where a diverse range of opinions are held and respected. While we are a varied group, we strive to be unified as the Body of Christ.

We centre ourselves around our baptismal vow to, “strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.” Our community also extends far beyond our pews as we seek to feed, clothe, and support people who are in need.

We pray you will feel at home here and, no matter your reason for joining us. We welcome you with open arms regardless of your race, age, culture, ethnicity, nationality, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, previous religious affiliation, or socioeconomic status. All are welcome at The Church of the Holy Trinity, and we hope to see you back here soon! Please feel free to contact us.

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