



## Choral Evensong

The Calvary Choir

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Jon Tyillian, *assistant organist*

### **The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

March 10, 2024, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon

  
CALVARY  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

EVENSONG is the name given to the service for evening created for the first English Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549. This liturgy combines elements of two medieval monastic services—Vespers, offered at about sundown, and Compline, sung just before bed-time. Its essential shape consists of three sections: psalm-singing, readings (answered in song by canticles drawn from scripture, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, both from the Gospel of St. Luke), and prayers. In Choral Evensong, these elements are mostly offered by the Choir, singing on behalf of the congregation, either in dialogue with the officiant or on its own. The congregation joins the choir in singing the Creed and the hymns.

## CHORAL EVENING PRAYER, RITE I

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Prelude

Music for Lute

<i>Pavane de Milanoise</i>	Guillaume Morlaye
<i>Shepherd, Thou saw me not</i>	Straloch Manuscript
<i>Benedictus</i>	Heinrich Isaac
<i>As Longs the Deer</i>	Rowallan Manuscript
<i>Mille Regrets</i>	Josquin des Prez/Hans Newsidler
Alfonse Ciaccio, <i>lute</i>	

Introit

*Timor et Tremor*

Herbert Sumsion

*Timor et tremor venerunt super me,  
et caligo cecidit super me:  
miserere mei Domine,  
quoniam in te confidit anima mea.  
Miserere mei Domine.*

Fear and trembling have come over me,  
and darkness sweeps over me:  
have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for my soul trusts in you.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord.

—after Ps. 55:5

Hymn 149

*Eternal Lord of Love*

*Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

*All stand and sing the hymn together.*

*Eternal Lord of Love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here — the goal of all desire.*

*So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.*

*If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead;  
and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,  
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.*

—Thomas H. Cain

Opening Sentences

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Confession of Sin

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*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

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.

*The Priest alone stands and 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. *Amen.*

The Preces and Psalter

*All stand.*

Kenneth Leighton

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* 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.

Psalm 107:1-9, 23-32 *Confitemini Domino*

CHANTS: Alan Lewis

*All sit for the Psalm, sung by the Choir.*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : and his mercy endureth for ever.  
Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed :  
and delivered from the hand of the enemy;  
And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west :  
from the north and from the south.  
They went astray in the wilderness out of the way : and found no city to dwell in;  
Hungry and thirsty their soul fainted in them.  
So they cried unto the Lord in their trouble : and he delivered them from their distress.  
He led them forth by the right way : that they might go to the city where they dwelt.  
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :  
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!  
For he satisfieth the empty soul : and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.  
They that go down to the sea in ships : and occupy their business in great waters;  
These men see the works of the Lord : and his wonders in the deep.  
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth : which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep :  
their soul melteth away because of the trouble.  
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wits' end.  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble : he delivereth them out of their distress.  
For he maketh the storm to cease : so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad, because they are at rest :  
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.  
O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness :  
and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men!  
That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people :  
and praise him in the seat of the elders!  
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.

## The First Lesson

*All sit for the first Lesson.*

Ephesians 2:1-10

You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Here endeth the Lesson.

The Magnificat (*Service in G*) *Sung by the Choir, the Congregation standing.*

Sumsion

*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 shewed 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.* —Luke 1: 46-55, with Gloria Patri

## The Second Lesson

*All sit for the second Lesson.*

John 3:1-17

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Here endeth the Lesson.

The Nunc Dimittis (*Service in G*) *Sung by the Choir, the Congregation standing.*

Byrd

*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.* —Luke 2: 29-32, with Gloria Patri

## The Apostles' Creed

*Monotone: all sing together.*

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.

## The Responses

*All remain standing.*

Leighton

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

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

*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.

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Choir* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O Lord, save the State.

*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.

## The Collects *The Choir sings the Amen after each Collect.*

### *Of the Day*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for and ever. Amen.

*For the Parish*

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*For Mission*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine 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 thy love's sake. Amen.

*An Offering is received during the Anthem.  
Those wishing to make offerings  
by electronic transfer may use  
this QR Code to do so:*



The Anthem

*They That Go Down to the Sea*

Sumsion

*The congregation sits.*

*They that go down to the sea in ships: and occupy their business in great waters;  
These men see the works of the Lord: and his wonders in the deep.  
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth: which lifteth up the waves thereof.  
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep: their soul melteth away because of the trouble.  
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man : and are at their wits' end.  
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble: he delivereth them out of their distress.  
For he maketh the storm to cease: so that the waves thereof are still.  
Then are they glad, because they are at rest: and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.*

—Psalm 107:23-30

Hymn 467

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

*St. Bees*

*All stand and sing together as the Offering is presented.*

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed;  
What are we that he should show so much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:  
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

—Anon.

Prayers, Intercessions, and Thanksgivings

The General Thanksgiving

*All together*

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.

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom *Prayed 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.*

The Blessing *All say Amen.*

Hymn 432

*O praise ye the Lord*  
*All stand and sing together.*

*Laudate Dominum*

1 *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;*  
*rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;*  
*ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,*  
*and worship before him in brightness arrayed.*

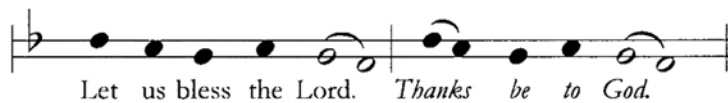
3 *O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;*  
*each jubilant chord re-echo around;*  
*loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,*  
*and sweet harp the story of what he hath done.*

2 *O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,*  
*in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth;*  
*praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,*  
*praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.*

4 *O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song*  
*to him be outpoured all ages along!*  
*For love in creation, for heaven restored,*  
*for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

—Henry Williams Baker, *alt.*; based on Psalms 148 and 150

The Dismissal



Postlude

*Prelude in C minor, Op. 156, No. 1*

Josef Rheinberger

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## ***Musical Notes***

Warm thanks to lutenist Alfonse Ciaccio for playing the Prelude this afternoon.

The English organist and composer Herbert “John” Sumsion (1899-1995) was the organist of Gloucester Cathedral from 1928 until 1967, having sung there as a boy-chorister under his predecessor, and training generations of choristers across that long span. In retirement he remained active as a composer, conductor, and organist. Today’s canticles were published in 1943, less than halfway into Sumsion’s tenure at Gloucester. The Introit, *Timor et Tremor*, comes from a collection of “Nine Introits for the Seasons of the Church’s Year,” published in 1986; several of these pieces, including today’s, are dedicated to Dennis Kiddy and the Choir of St. Edmund’s School, Canterbury, where Kiddy oversaw the musical education of the Cathedral boy-choristers. Sumsion also composed today’s anthem, *They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships*, for Kiddy during his earlier tenure at the Repton Preparatory School; it dates from 1979.

Two weeks hence, on the afternoon of Palm Sunday (March 24 at 5 p.m.) the Choir will offer a Musical Meditation on the Passion of Christ, a service inspired by one developed at St. John’s College, Cambridge, as a kind of summary overview of the liturgical experience of Passiontide. Readings trace the narrative of Jesus’ final days in Jerusalem, and music for choir, for organ, and for congregation, reflects on the events of those days and their significance for our salvation. Please join us for that service.

### **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT CALVARY**

#### **Palm Sunday, March 24**

The Blessing of Palms and the Holy Eucharist

In the Lady Chapel at 8 A.M.

At the Crossing at 9 A.M.

\* At the High Altar at 11 A.M.

\* Musical Meditation on the Passion of Christ

*A choral service of Word, Reflection, and Prayer at 5 P.M.*

#### **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

The Holy Eucharist in the Lady Chapel, at 12 Noon;

\* The Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 P.M.

#### **Good Friday, March 29**

\* Good Friday Liturgy, 12 Noon;

Following the service, the Church will remain open  
for meditation from 1:30 until 3 P.M.

Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30\* P.M.

#### **Holy Saturday, March 30**

\* The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 P.M.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Scriptural Prophecies,  
Baptisms, and the First Eucharist of Easter

#### **Easter Day, March 31**

Holy Eucharist and Homily at 8 A.M.

Festal Holy Eucharist and Sermon at 9 & 11\* A.M.

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 A.M.

\* *Services marked with an asterisk are livestreamed.*