



## Choral Evensong

The Calvary Choir

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**The Second Sunday of Easter**

April 7, 2024, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon

**CALVARY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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EVENSING is the name given to the English-language 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

Prelude                      Three Preludes on *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*                      J. S. Bach

Introit    *When Mary thro' the Garden Went*                      Charles Villiers Stanford

*When Mary thro' the garden went,  
there was no sound of any bird,  
And yet, because the night was spent,  
the little grasses lightly stirred,  
the flowers awoke, the lilies heard.*

*When Mary thro' the garden went,  
the dew lay still on flower and grass,  
thee waving palms above her sent  
their fragrance out as she did pass.  
No light upon their branches was.*

*When Mary thro' the garden went,  
her eyes, for weeping long, were dim.  
The grass beneath her footsteps bent,  
the solemn lilies, white and slim,  
these also stood and wept for Him.*

*When Mary thro' the garden went,  
she sought, within the garden ground,  
One for Whom her heart was rent,  
One Who for her sake was bound,  
One Who sought, and she was found.*

—Mary E. Coleridge

Hymn 193    *That Easter day with joy was bright*                      *Puer nobis*

*All stand and sing together.*

*That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored, th'apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.*

*O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.*

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

—Latin, 5<sup>th</sup> cent., tr. The Hymnal 1940

Opening Sentences    BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 61

Confession of Sin    BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 62

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*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.  
*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Choir* as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord:  
*Choir* The Lord's name be praised.

Psalms 133 & 134 *Ecce, quam bonum & Ecce nunc*

CHANT: Alan Lewis

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity!  
It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard :  
even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing.  
Like as the dew of Hermon : which fell upon the hill of Sion.  
For there the Lord promised his blessing : and life for evermore.  
Behold now, praise the Lord : all ye servants of the Lord;  
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord : even in the courts of the house of our God.  
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary : and praise the Lord.  
The Lord that made heaven and earth : give thee blessing out of Sion.  
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.*

Acts 4:32-35

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Here endeth the Lesson.

The Magnificat (*Service in B-flat*)

Stanford

*Sung by the Choir, the Congregation standing.*

*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 20:19-31

Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Here endeth the Lesson.

*Sung by the Choir, the Congregation standing.*

*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 singing 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.

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 Amen after each Collect.*

*Of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever 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.

*The congregation sits, and an offering is received.  
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may use this QR Code to do so:*



The Anthem

*Surgens Jesus*

Peter Philips

*Surgens Jesus Dominus noster:  
stans in medio discipulorum suorum,  
Dixit: Pax vobis. Alleluia.  
Gavisi sunt discipuli viso Domino.  
Alleluia.*

Our risen Lord Jesus,  
standing in the midst of his disciples,  
said, "Peace be with you." Alleluia.  
The disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

—Easter antiphon, after John 20:19-20

Hymn 186, stanzas 1-3

*Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands*

*Christ lag in Todesbanden*

*Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven;  
therefore let us joyful be, and sing to God right thankfully loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!*

*It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death contended;  
the victory remained with life, the reign of death was ended;  
stripped of power, no more he reigns, an empty form alone remains; his sting is lost for ever! Alleluia!*

*So let us keep the festival to which the Lord invite us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us;  
by his grace he doth impart eternal sunshine to the heart; the night of sin is ended! Alleluia!*

—Martin Luther, tr. Richard Massie, alt.

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 Four-fold Paschal Blessing

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Hymn 192

*This joyful Eastertide  
all stand and sing together*

*Vruechten*

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*REFRAIN* *Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill,  
since Jesus crossed the river:  
Lord of all life, from ill  
my passing life deliver.* *REFRAIN*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,  
and for a season slumber,  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number.* *REFRAIN*

—George R. Woodward, alt.

## The Dismissal

*Cantor or Officiant*

Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*People*

Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude

*Fantasy on 'Easter Hymn'*

William Henry Harris

## Participants in the Service

*Officiant* .....The Reverend Cameron J. Soulis  
*Verger* .....Sarah Wilson  
*Lectors* .....Tim Tocci, Joan Dytman  
*Ushers* .....Will Ruthrauff, Lucy Weingartner  
*Flower Delivery* .....Kitsy McNulty

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