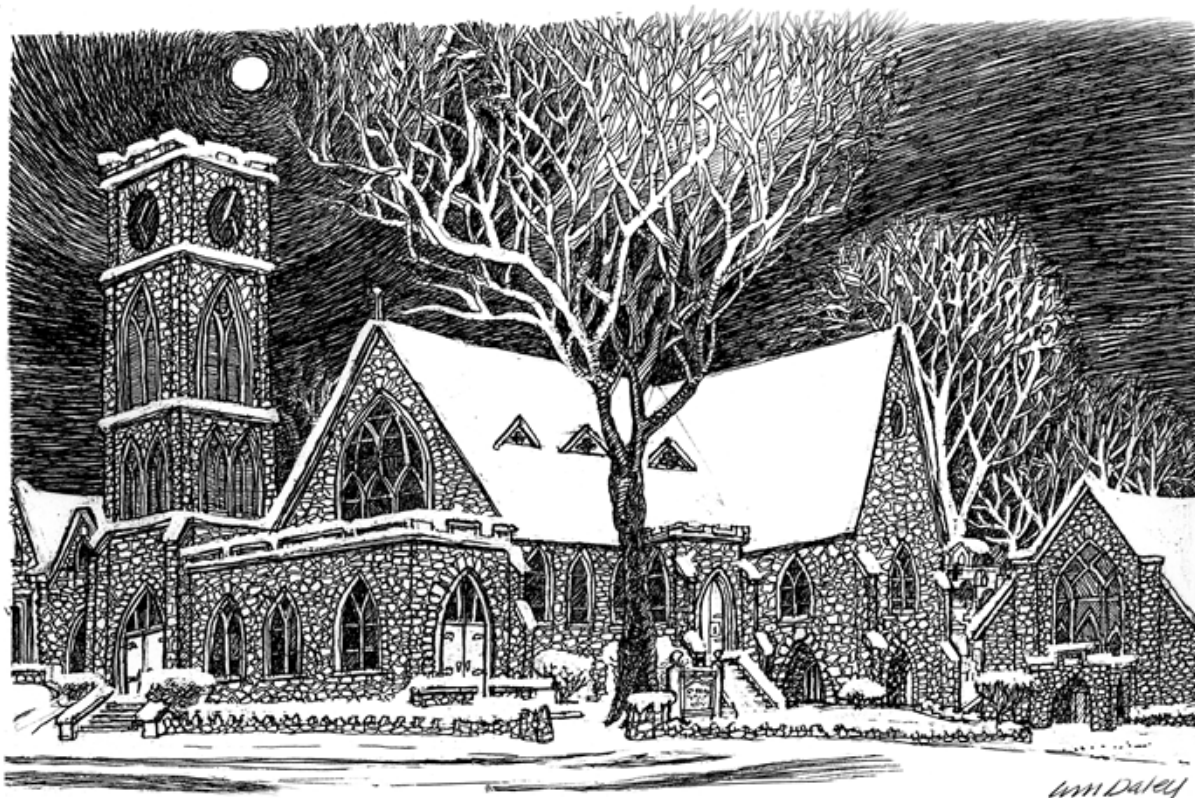


ST PAUL'S ELKINS PARK

An Inclusive Multicultural Episcopal Church



Choral Evensong in a Time of Pandemic

With Prayers and Songs for our Country on the Eve of our Election

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The Preces (*Sung*)

Richard Ayleward (1626–1669)

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

Psalm 149 *Cantate Domino* (*Sung*)

Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

- 1 O sing unto the Lord a new song *
let the congregation of saints praise him.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him *
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance *
let them sing praises unto him with tabret and harp.
- 4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people *
and helpeth the meek-hearted.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful with glory *
let them rejoice in their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth *
and a two-edged sword in their hands;
- 7 To be avenged of the heathen *
and to rebuke the people;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron.

9 That they may be avenged of them, as it is written *

Such honour have all his saints.

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.

First Lesson

Revelation 21:1–6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among
mortals.

He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their
eyes.

Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be
no more,
for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Reader Here ends the reading.

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 ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

text: *The Song of Mary*, Luke 1:46–55, with Gloria Patri

Second Lesson*Luke 6:12-25*

Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor. He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Reader Here ends the reading.

Nunc Dimittis in C (Sung)

Charles Villiers Stanford

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.

text: *The Song of Simeon*, Luke 2:29–32, with Gloria Patri

The Apostles' Creed (Sung)

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.

Prayers (Sung)

Richard Ayleward

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

Our Father, which 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.

The Suffrages (Sung)

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day (Sung)

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

A Collect for Peace (Sung)

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 (Sung)

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.

Anthem *And I Saw a New Heaven (Sung)*

Edgar L. Bainton (1880–1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.”

text: *Revelation 21:1-4*

The Grace

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.**

Welcome

Anthem *Make Us One/We Are One In the Spirit (Sung)*
Tessika McClendon , Soprano

Carol Cymbala/Fr. Peter Scholtes

Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you. (repeat)

We Are One In The Spirit. We Are One In The Lord.
We Are One In The Spirit. We Are One In The Lord
And We Pray That All Unity May One Day Be Restored
And They'll Know We Are
Christian By Our Love, By Our Love;
And they'll Know We Are Christian
By Our Love!

We Will Walk With Each Other. We Will Walk Hand In Hand.
We Will Walk With Each Other. We Will Walk Hand In Hand.
And together We Will Spread The News, That God Is In Our Land
And They'll Know We Are
Christian By Our Love, By Our Love;
And They'll Know We Are Christian
By Our Love!

Make us one, Lord, make us one;
Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know
we are one in you. (repeat)

A Prayer in Times of Conflict (BCP 824)

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us,
in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront
one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work
together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Thanksgiving For the Diversity of Races and Cultures (BCP 840)

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you
for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world.
Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and
show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until
our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all
your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *God And God Alone (Sung)*
Tessika McClendon , Soprano
Shango-Jamal Lewis, Baritone

Phil McHugh

God and God alone created all these things we call our own
From the mighty to the small the Glory in them all is God's and God's alone

God and God alone reveals the truth of all we call unknown
And all the best and worst of man won't change the Master's plan. It's God's and
God's alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God alone

God and God alone will be the joy of our eternal home
He will be our one desire Our hearts will never tire of God and God alone

God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne
Let everything that lives reserve it's truest praise for God and God Alone. (Repeat)

A Thanksgiving For the Nation(BCP 838)

Almighty God, giver of all good things:
We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land.
They restore us, though we often destroy them.
Heal us.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.
Forgive us.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.
Inspire us.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.
Enlighten us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.
Renew us.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun.
Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

A Prayer for an Election (BCP 822)

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for the Oppressed (BCP 826)

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, pandemic, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law, equal opportunities, and equal access to Health Care for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *Make them Hear You - From Ragtime (Sung)*

Stephen Flaherty

Shango-Jamal Lewis, Baritone

Go out and tell our story. Let it echo far and wide.
Make them hear you, Make them hear you.
How justice was our battle And how justice was denied.
Make them hear you, Make them hear you.

And say to those who blame us For the way we chose to fight
That sometimes there are battles That are more than black or white...
And I could not put down my sword When justice was my right.
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.

Go out and tell our story To your daughters and your sons.
Make them hear you, Make them hear you.
And tell them, in our struggle, We were no the only ones.
Make them hear you, Make them hear you.

Your sword can be a sermon Or the power of the pen.
Teach every child to raise his voice And then, my brothers, then
Will justice be demanded By ten million righteous men.
Make them hear you. When they hear you, I'll be near you. Again.

The General Thanksgiving - *Presenter and People Together* (BCP 125)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis (BCP 833)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A Prayer for Mission (BCP 124)

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

Presider - Let us bless the Lord

People - **Thanks be to God**

Presider - May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude - *Grand Jeu*

by Michel Corrette