



**ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
*in the City of Battle Creek—the Diocese of Western Michigan*

# ***CHORAL EVENSONG***

*sung by*  
*The St. Thomas Choral Scholars*

***The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***20 June 2021***  
***5:00pm***

***A note concerning the service***

Based on the services held daily in the medieval Church, Choral Evensong (as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer) has been sung regularly since the Sixteenth Century. Many people enjoy Choral Evensong because it provides opportunity for contemplation and reflection. The service utilizes the 1662 Book of Common Prayer and includes readings (just as would occur at Evening Prayer) and prayers led by a priest. A Psalm, anthem, and a setting of the *Magnificat* and the *Nunc dimittis* are sung by the choir.

***Participants in today's service:***

Officiant: The Rev. Brian Coleman

Lector: Keith Phillips

Organist & Choirmaster: Dr. Stephen White

The St. Thomas Choral Scholars

Alexis Stark

Charles Grantier

Samuel Gantt

## ✻ ORDER OF SERVICE ✻

### Voluntary

*Pastoral Sonata in G, mvt. II*

Josef Rheinberger  
(1839-1901)

### Welcome

### The Preces

John Bertalot  
(b. 1931)

- 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.  
*R* 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.  
*R* Praise ye the Lord.  
*R* The Lord's name be praised.

### Psalms 19

Chant: Samuel Wesley

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
and the firmament sheweth his handy-work.
- 2 One day telleth another;  
and one night certifieth another.
- 3 There is neither speech nor language;  
but their voices are heard among them.
- 4 Their sound is gone out into all lands;  
and their words into the ends of the world.
- 5 In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun;  
which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber,  
and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.
- 6 It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven,  
and runneth about unto the end of it again;  
and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure,  
and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is pure,  
and giveth light unto the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and the honeycomb.

- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant taught;  
and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how oft he offendeth?  
O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- 13 Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins,  
lest they get the dominion over me;  
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,  
be alway acceptable in thy sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

**Psalms 46**

Chant: William Boyce

- 1 God is our hope and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell,  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God;  
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;  
God shall help her, and that right early.
- 6 The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;  
but God hath showed his voice,  
and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord,  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world;  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the chariots in the fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that I am God:  
I will be exalted among the heathen,  
and I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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 man of Benjamin ran from the battle line, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head. When he arrived, Eli was sitting upon his seat by the road watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. When the man came into the city and told the news, all the city cried out. When Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, "What is this uproar?" Then the man came quickly and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety-eight years old and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. The man said to Eli, "I have just come from the battle; I fled from the battle today." He said, "How did it go, my son?" The messenger replied, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has also been a great slaughter among the troops; your two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God has been captured." When he mentioned the ark of God, Eli<sup>[a]</sup> fell over backward from his seat by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for he was an old man, and heavy. He had judged Israel forty years. Now his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was pregnant, about to give birth. When she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed and gave birth; for her labor pains overwhelmed her. As she was about to die, the women attending her said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer or give heed. She named the child Ichabod, meaning, "The glory has departed from Israel," because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. She said, "The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured."

*A brief silence follows the Lesson.*

## Magnificat

*First Service, Philip Moore  
(b. 1943)*

**M**Y 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.

## The Second Lesson

Matthew 19:23-30

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, “Then who can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.” Then Peter said in reply, “Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold,<sup>[a]</sup> and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

*A brief silence follows the Lesson.*

## Nunc dimittis

P. Moore

**L**ORD, 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.

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## The Apostles' Creed

**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 Lesser Litany

J. Bertalot

*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.

## The Lord's Prayer

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## The Responses

J. Bertalot

*V* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
*R* And grant us thy salvation.  
*V* O Lord, save the State;  
*R* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
*V* Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
*R* And make thy chosen people joyful.  
*V* O Lord, save thy people;  
*R* And bless thine inheritance.  
*V* Give peace in our time, O Lord;  
*R* Because there is none other that fighteth for us,  
but only thou, O God.  
*V* O God, make clean our hearts within us;  
*R* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

### Anthem

*Ubi Caritas*

Joseph Gentry Stephens  
(b. 1972)

Where charity and love are, there God is.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.  
Let us fear and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love each other.

## Intercessions and Thanksgivings

### Hymn No. 31

*Dunedin*

### The Grace

### Voluntary

*Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne, BuxWV 137*

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

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