



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025      5:00 pm

### The Order for Choral Evensong

#### Organ Voluntary

Prelude on “This endris nyght”

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

☞ *All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

#### Opening Sentences

*Officiant*    The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.  
*Isaiah 60:3*

#### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*    Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

☞ *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;  
And there is no health in us.

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 Officiant 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.

*People Amen.*

¶ *All stand*

## **The Invitatory**

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* And our mouth shall show 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.

¶ *All are then seated as the Choir sings the appointed Psalm*

## **The Psalmody**

**Psalm 114** Chant in F minor after *Tonus Peregrinus*

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
and the house of Jacob from among the strange people.

Judah was his sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea saw that and fled; \*  
Jordan was driven back.

The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

What aileth thee, O thou sea that thou fleddest? \*  
and thou Jordan that thou wast driven back?

Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams, \*  
and ye little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a standing water \*  
and the flint-stone into a springing well.

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 Lessons

### The First Lesson

Hebrews 6:17-7:10

So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him; and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything. He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace. He is without father or mother or genealogy, and has neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest for ever. See how great he is! Abraham the patriarch gave him a tithe of the spoils. And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brethren, though these also are descended from Abraham. But this man who has not their genealogy received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one of whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Office Hymn and Magnificat*

## Hymn 43



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night, for  
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the  
3 O may my soul on thee re - pose, and  
4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



all the bless - ings of the light: keep me, O keep me,  
ill that I this day have done; that with the world, my -  
with sweet sleep mine eye - lids close; sleep that shall me more  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



King of kings, be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.  
self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
vi - gorous make to serve my God when I a - wake.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

*Music: The Eighth Tune, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)*

## Magnificat

Canticles in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

✠ My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
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.

*¶ All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat*

## The Second Lesson

John 4:27-42

**J**ust then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city, and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to him. Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has any one brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest?’ I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that

city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

*¶ Following the Lesson, all stand*

## **Nunc Dimittis**

Canticles in A

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

✠ 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.

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*¶ Sung on a monotone by the Officiant and People 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 Prayers

¶ *The Officiant and Choir sing the following*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

¶ *The People kneel*

*Officiant* Lord have mercy upon us.

*Choir* Christ have mercy upon us.

*Officiant* Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the short form of the Lord's Prayer is sung*

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.

¶ *Then follow these Suffrages, sung by the Officiant and Choir*

*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 following Collects are sung; the Choir sings "Amen."*

## The Collect of the Day

**A**lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## A Collect for Peace

**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

**L**ighten 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.

## Benedicamus Domino

*Officiant*  *People* 

Let us bless the Lord.                      Thanks be to God.

## The Grace

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *People* Amen.

¶ *Then the Congregation is seated*

## The Greeting



## **Anthem**

Arise, shine, for thy Light is come,  
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia!  
Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations,  
and laud Him, all ye people!  
For his merciful kindness is great toward us,  
and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Alleluia!

*Words: Isaiah 60:1 and Psalm 117*  
*Music: Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

*¶ All kneel while the Officiant offers prayers*

## **Closing Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

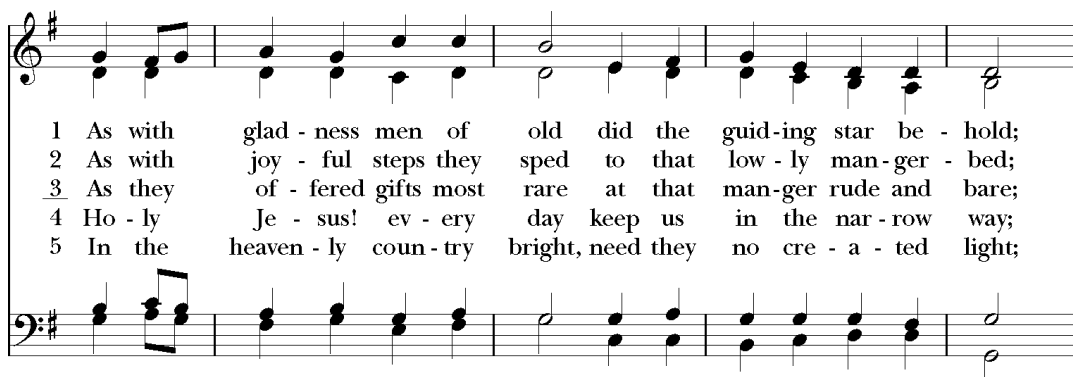
*¶ The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world*

## **The Blessing**

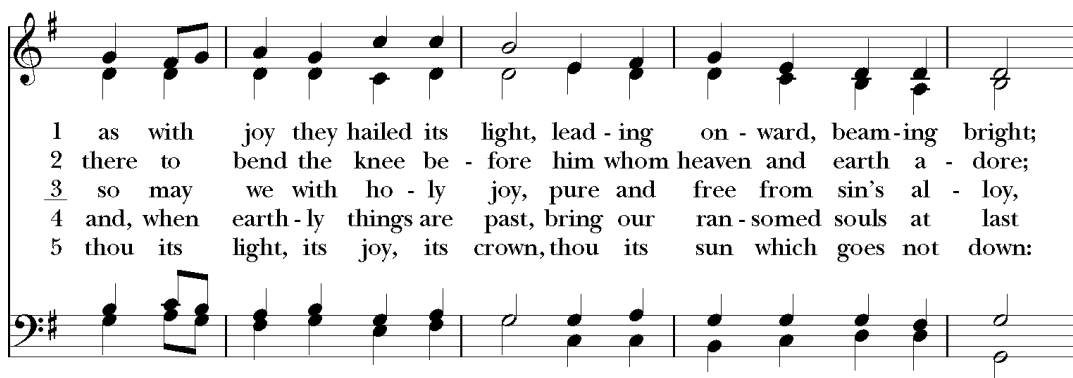
**T**he God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant:  
Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; and the blessing ✠ of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *¶ People Amen.*

*¶ All stand and join in the singing of the Hymn overleaf*

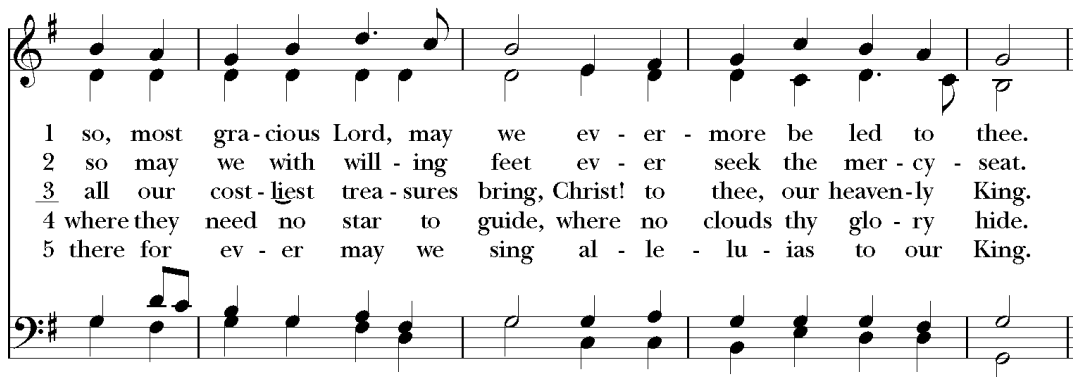
## Hymn 119



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;



1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:



1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
3 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

## Organ Voluntary

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Holy Eucharist will be offered in St. George's Chapel immediately following this service.  
All are invited into the Great Hall following the service for wine and cheese.

## This Evening's Liturgy

† **Herbert Sumsion** (1899-1995) was an English organist and composer. He served Gloucester Cathedral as organist from 1928 to 1967, and he had a long affiliation with the famous Three Choirs Festival as both an organizer and a choral accompanist.

† **Healey Willan** (1880-1968) was a highly influential English Canadian organist and composer. During his many years as music director at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Toronto, the parish became known for having two separate choirs during the liturgies. One choir would sing the Gregorian Chant appointed for the day, and the other choir would sing anthems. The choirs were placed separately in the chancel and rear gallery.

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors which bedeck the altar and are worn by the clergy are colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season after Epiphany are traditionally green. Green is a color that naturally reminds us of hope and growth, and reflects the seasons of Spring and Summer in the natural world. The Church clothes herself in green vestments to express her joyous, lively hope of the ever lovely and eternally lush meadows of the Kingdom of God.

† The Office of **Evensong** is sung at the close of each day in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, monastic communities, and parish churches throughout the Anglican Communion. Derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, it is a service of rare beauty offered through the singing of psalms and canticles, the reading of scripture, and prayer. This liturgy of sung prayer has been offered daily throughout the Christian era and it enables us to join with all those who have gone before, those today who offer their evening prayers, and those who will continue their sung praise, petitions, and thanksgivings in times to come.

† The worshipper offers praise through association with the choir and sits awash in sung prayer as it resonates throughout this sacred space. Natural time is suspended as word and music combine to capture the holy rhythms of the spheres and the worshipper is transported beyond chronological time to a place where creation and eternity coalesce into one.

## **Participants in the Service**

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson, Officiant

Joseph Arndt, Choirmaster

The Choir of St. Michael & St. George

David Sinden, Organist



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