



THE CHURCH
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025 5:00 pm

The Order for Choral Evensong

Organ Voluntary

Reflection, Opus 944
Canzona II, Opus 943

Carson Cooman (b.1982)

¶ *All stand as the Choir and Ministers enter*

Opening Sentence

Officiant O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

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

The Saint Michael Responses

Robert W. Lehman (b. 1960)

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 Ghost;

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.

¶ *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.

Psalm 115 Chant in A-flat

Michael Bedford (b.1949)

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,
but unto thy Name give the praise; *
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
Wherefore shall the heathen say, *
Where now is their God?
As for our God, he is in heaven: *
he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
Their idols are silver and gold, *
even the work of men's hands.
They have mouths and speak not; *
eyes have they and see not.
They have ears, and hear not; *
noses have they and smell not.
They have hands, and handle not;
feet have they and walk not; *
neither speak they through their throat.
They that make them are like unto them; *
and so are all such as put their trust in them.
But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; *
even he shall bless the house of Israel,
he shall bless the house of Aaron.

He shall bless them that fear the Lord, *
both small and great.
The Lord shall increase you more and more, *
you and your children.
Ye are the blessed of the Lord;
who made heaven and earth.
All the whole heavens are the Lord's, *
the earth hath he given to the children of men.
The dead praise not thee, O Lord; *
neither all they that go down into silence.
But we will praise the Lord, *
from this time forth for ever more. Praise the Lord.
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

Acts 6:6-15

And they went through the region of Phry'gia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come opposite My'sia, they attempted to go into Bithyn'ia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by My'sia, they went down to Tro'as. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedo'nia was standing beseeching him and saying, "Come over to Macedo'nia and help us." And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedo'nia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. Setting sail therefore from Tro'as, we made a direct voyage to Sam'othrace, and the following day to Ne-ap'olis, and from there to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedo'nia, and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days; and on the sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyati'ra, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to give heed to what was said by Paul. And when she was baptized, with her household, she besought us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Hymn 36

1 O glad - some Light, O grace of God the Fa - ther's face,
2 Now, ere day fad - eth quite, we see the eve - ning light,
3 To thee of right be - longs all praise of ho - ly songs,

the e - ter - nal splen - dor wear - ing; ce - les - tial, ho - ly, blest,
our wont - ed hymn out - pour - ing; Fa - ther of might un - known,
O Son of God, Life - giv - er; thee, there - fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.
thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.
the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); para. of O Gracious Light
Music: Le Cantique de Siméon, melody Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?);
harm. Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

✠ 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.

g All are seated following the singing of the Magnificat

The Second Lesson

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God

has come near.’ I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town. The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

✠ *Following the Lesson, all stand*

Nunc dimittis

Canticles in C

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

✠ 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

✠ *Said by all*

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 Cantor and Choir sing the following*

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

¶ *The People kneel*

Choir Lord have mercy upon us.

Christ have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy upon us.

¶ *Then the Choir sings the short form of the Lord's Prayer*

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*

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 following Collects are sung; the Choir sings “Amen.”*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

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.

Benedicamus Domino

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	
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

Motet

Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum,
irreprehensibilis est.

This place was made by God,
a priceless sacrament,
it is without reproach.

Words: Gradual for the Dedication of a Church

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

¶ *During the anthem, a collection will be received*

Closing Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

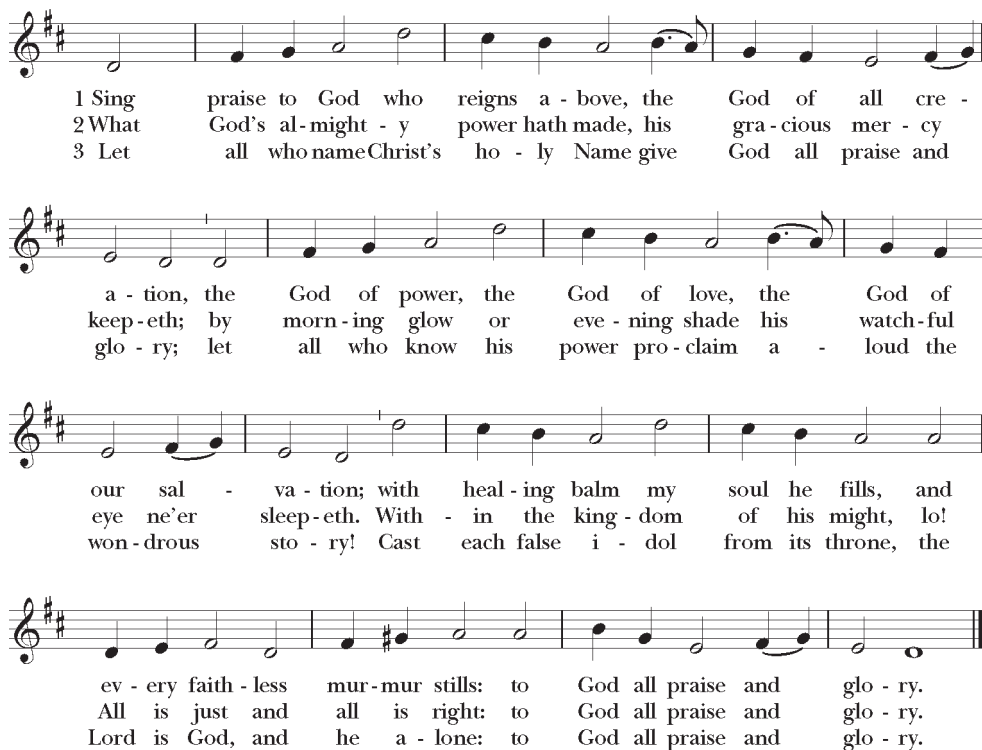
¶ *The Officiant then offers prayers for mission and for the world*

The Blessing

The 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 408



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra-cious mer - cy
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep-eth; by morn-ing glow, or eve - ning shade his watch-ful
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro-claim a - loud the

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and
eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!
won-drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the

ev - ery faith - less mur-mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

*Words: Johann Jacob Schütz(1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), alt.
Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille", 1529*

Organ Voluntary

Hornpipe, Opus 934

Carson Cooman (b.1982)

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 a reception.

Participants in the Service

The Rev. Thomas Roy Albinson, Officiant

Joseph Arndt, Choirmaster

The Choir of St. Michael & St. George

Heather Martin Cooper, Organist

This Evening's Liturgy

† Austrian composer **Anton Bruckner** (1824-1896) is perhaps most known for his nine lengthy symphonies. A highly accomplished organist, he also wrote a body of sacred music. “Locus iste” is his most famous motet, and it exemplifies his style wherein calm, simple textures are interrupted by sudden chromaticism and modulations.

† 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.

The flowers at the High Altar are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Joyce Elizabeth McRoberts East by her family.



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