



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lenten Choral Evensong

March 2, 2025

Prelude *Adagio from Sonata 1 in f minor op. 65*

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Hymn 31 "Most holy God, the Lord of heaven"

Dunedin

Opening Sentences

Confession of Sin

Officiant 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.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Officiant 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.
All stand.

Preces

Daniel Hathaway

Sung by the choir.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn 25 "O gracious Light"

The Eighth Tune

Sung by all, in canon.

The People sit.

Psalm 115

David Hurd (after Gibbons)



1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us,
but to your¹Name give¹glory; *
because of your¹love and be¹cause of your¹faithfulness.

2 Why should the¹heathen¹say, *
—¹“Where then¹is their¹God?”

11 You who fear the LORD,¹trust in the¹LORD; *
he is their¹hēlp¹and their¹shield.

12 The LORD has been mindful of us, and¹he will¹bless us; *
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will¹bless the¹house of¹Aaron;

13 He will bless those who¹fear the¹LORD, *
both¹small and¹great to¹gether.

14 May the LORD increase you¹more and¹more, *
—¹you and your¹children¹after you.

- 15 May you be¹blessed by¹ the¹ LORD, *
the¹ maker of¹ heaven and¹ earth.
- 16 The heaven of¹ heavens is the¹ LORD's, *
but he en¹trusted the¹ earth to its¹ peoples.
- 17 The dead do not¹ praise the¹ LORD, *
nor all¹ those who go¹ down into¹ silence;
- 18 But we will¹ bless the¹ LORD, *
from this time forth for ever¹ möre.¹
¹ Halle¹ lujah!

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of

your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem[b] on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle *Magnificat in G Major*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

*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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the

sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle *Nunc Dimittis in G Major*

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing, on a single tone

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 People sit.

Anthem *O nata lux*

Morten Lauriden (b. 1943)

*O born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
Mercifully deem worthy and accept
the praises and prayers of your supplicants.
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost ones,
grant us to be made members
of your holy body.*

Prayers

The People sit or kneel.

Responses, sung by the choir

Daniel Hathaway

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and Choir

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Suffrages

Daniel Hathaway

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,
- R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
- R. Thy saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Officiant O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for the Evening

Officiant O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Officiant O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship thee, all nations obey thee, all tongues confess and bless thee, and men and women everywhere love thee and serve thee in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The People sit.

Anthem *Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred

Let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

And all for thy mercy's sake

O divine Master

Grant that I 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.

General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

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 ourselves 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 24 "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended"

St. Clement

Postlude *Allegro assai vivace from Sonata 1 in f minor op. 65*

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We welcome and thank our guest organist, Thomas Handel.

Please join us for a reception following the service.
Special thanks to Wendy Haering and Margaret Zusky
for coordinating the reception.



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