

CHORAL EVENSONG

According to the Book of Common Prayer 1662

for

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

also known as

ROGATION SUNDAY



1st May 2016

at three o'clock

The Interim Rector

THE VERY REVEREND MARSHALL J. VANG

Assisting Priest

THE REVEREND PAUL F. EVANS

Deacon

THE REVEREND PETER H. SWEENEY

Organist/Director of Music

FARRELL GOEHRING

Choral Director

DR. KATHLEEN SLEZAK

THE BETHESDA SCHOLA CANTORUM

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GREG STERLING

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ELIZABETH STERLING

WILL BRISTOL

SHARON BOYD

ROBERT MOORE

CAROLYN HATCH

LES RICHMOND

GENNA HENDERSON

KATIE HOOPER

VALERIE LORD

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

FARRELL GOEHRING *plays*

Werde Munter

Percy Whitlock 1903-1946

ORDER *of* SERVICE

The Congregation stands and sings

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 497

The Congregation remains standing as the Choir sings

THE PRECES

- V. O Lord, open thou our lips.
R. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
V. O God, make speed to save us.
R. O Lord, Make hast to help us.
V. 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.
V. Praise ye the Lord.
R. The Lord's name be praised.

Music BERNARD ROSE 1916-1996

The Congregation sits for the singing of

PSALM 34

Benedicam Dominum

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt his Name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon him and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, and he will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him! Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer anger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity? Keep your tongue from evil speaking and your lips from lying words. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the broken hearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed. Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord will deliver him out of them all. He will keep safe all his bones; not one of them shall be broken. Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished. The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, and none will be punished who trust in him. 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.

Chant by FREDERICK A. OUSELEY 1825-1889

The Congregation remains seated as is read

THE FIRST LESSON

Here beginneth the 43rd chapter of the Book of Ecclesiasticus

The pride of the higher realms is the clear vault of the sky, as glorious to behold as the sight of the heavens. The sun, when it appears, proclaims as it rises what a marvellous instrument it is, the work of the Most High. At noon it parches the land, and who can withstand its burning heat? A man tending a furnace works in burning heat, but three times as hot is the sun scorching the mountains; it breathes out fiery vapours, and its bright rays blind the eyes. Great is the Lord who made it; at his orders it hurries on its course. It is the moon that marks the changing seasons, governing the times, their everlasting sign. From the moon comes the sign for festal days, a light that wanes when it completes its course. The new moon, as its name suggests, renews itself; how marvellous it is in this change, a beacon to the hosts on high, shining in the vault of the heavens! The glory of the stars is the beauty of heaven, a glittering array in the heights of the Lord. On the orders of the Holy One they stand in their appointed places; they never relax in their watches. Look at the rainbow, and praise him who made it; it is exceedingly beautiful in its brightness. It encircles the sky with its glorious arc; the hands of the Most High have stretched it out. We could say more but could never say enough; let the final word be: 'He is the all.' Where can we find the strength to praise him? For he is greater than all his works. Awesome is the Lord and very great, and marvellous is his power. Glorify the Lord and exalt him as much as you can, for he surpasses even that. When you exalt him, summon all your strength, and do not grow weary, for you cannot praise him enough. Who has seen him and can describe him? Or who can extol him as he is? Many things greater than these lie hidden, for I have seen but few of his works.

The Congregation stands and sings

THE OFFICE HYMN 511

The Congregation remains standing for the singing of

MAGNIFICAT

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 shewed 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.

Words St. Luke I. 46-55

Music C.V. STANFORD 1852-1924

The Congregation sits as is read

THE SECOND LESSON

Here beginneth the 2nd verse of the 1st Chapter of the Epistle of Saint James

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

The Congregation stands as the Choir sings

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, Which Thou has prepared before the face of all the 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.

Words St. Luke c. 29-32

Music C.V. STANFORD

The Congregation remains standing, saying together

THE 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

The Congregation remain standing as the choir sings

THE RESPONSES

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with Thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. *All kneel*

R. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Choir sings

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our 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.

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the state.

R. And mercifully hear us, as 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

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lord God, Whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 Congregation sits for

THE GREETING

An offering is received as the Congregation stand and sing

THE HYMN 303

THE SERMON

THE VERY REVEREND MARSHALL J. VANG

Interim Rector

The Choir sings

THE ANTHEM

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thought and mild:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Words F.S. PIERPOINT 1835-1917

Music JOHN RUTTER b.1945

THE PRAYERS AND THE BLESSING

Then FARRELL GOEHRING *plays*

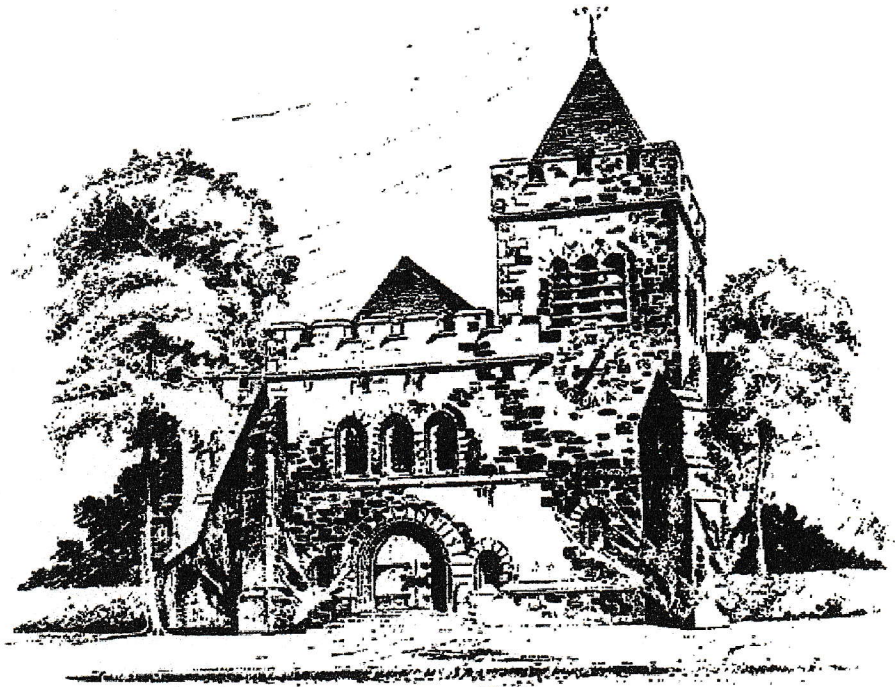
THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

PRAYER FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Good and Gracious God, you make all things new. Draw near to us as we continue our Capital Campaign to secure Bethesda's ministry and mission for future generations. Bless us with a noble spirit of generosity and gratitude. May the building of a new Parish house and Community Center, together with the renovation and restoration of the Church, extend your compassionate love for the healing and transformation of those who gather there. This we ask in the Name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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www.bethesdachurch.org

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