

A Service of Choral Evensong Celebrating

THE FEAST OF SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

CHRIST CHURCH EPISCOPAL

Greenville, South Carolina

WELCOME

In the name of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Christ Church Episcopal.

Known as the "Parish in the Heart of the City," Christ Church is blessed by the beauty of its church, chapel, and setting, which have been preserved and expanded by the energy and vision of faithful stewards, both past and present.

For more than two centuries, we have been gathering to worship God and demonstrate our faith in our daily lives. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are inspired to be a joyful community sharing life in Jesus Christ.

We hope you will experience God's blessings during this service as we have been blessed by your presence.

CHRIST CHURCH CLERGY

The Rev. Dr. Harrison McLeod, Rector The Rev. Kellie Wilson, Senior Associate Rector The Rev. Scott Fleischer, Associate for Pastoral Care The Rev. Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life The Rev. Wallace Adams-Riley, CCES Chaplain

AN ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

Evensong is a tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship offered to God by Christian people, at every hour, in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong here, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and his people that began long before you were born, and will go on long after you are dead. So do not be surprised, or disturbed, if there are some things in the conversation which you do not at once understand. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is an act of praise to almighty God that proclaims His wonderful acts in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its secondary purpose is to evoke from the worshipper a response of praise, penitence, prayer, and obedience.

THE ORGAN VOLUNTARY | Air from Suite No. 1 for Organ

Florence Price

THE RINGING OF THE TOWER BELL (Please stand)

THE HYMN IN PROCESSION, No. 625 | Ye holy angels bright

DARWALL'S 148TH

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES (Sung by the choir)

The Christ Church Greenville Responses Robert J. Powell, Organist & Choirmaster Emeritus

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

- O God, make speed to save us.
- O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's Name be praised.

The congregation is seated.

THE APPOINTED PSALM, 103 (Sung by the Choir)

Anglican chant by Kellow J. Pye

Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust. As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word. Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will. Bless the Lord all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul. 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.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

THE MAGNIFICAT (Sung by the choir)

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

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 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 Song of Mary, Luke 1:46-55*)

THE SECOND LESSON | Revelation 12:7-12

R. Vance Jenkins, lector

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Lector The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Sung by the choir)

Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

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 Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32*)

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Lindy Bunch, Associate for Parish Life

When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall, when roses fold on the hay yard wall, when blind moths flutter by door and tree, then comes the quiet of Christ to me.

When stars look out on the children's path and grey mists gather on carn and rath, when night is one with the brooding sea, then comes the quiet of Christ to me. (Joseph Campbell)

Please stand for the Apostles' Creed.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All

Officiant 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.

Following the Apostles' Creed, the Congregation kneels for the prayers.

THE LESSER LITANY, LORD'S PRAYER, AND SUFFRAGES

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Sung by the Choir:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

All join, chanting in monotone:

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.

Sung by the Choir:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the state.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fightest for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and men in a wonderful order: Mercifully grant that, as thy holy angels always serve and worship thee in heaven, so by thy appointment they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

O God, who art the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank thee for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly beseech thy merciful protection all the night. Bring us, we pray thee, in safety to the morning hours; through him who died for us and rose again, thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Officiant offers additional intercessions with special intentions for the police department, whose patron is St. Michael. Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our police department. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in your Word you have given us a vision of that holy City to which the nations of the world bring their glory: Behold and visit, we pray, the cities of the earth. Renew the ties of mutual regard which form our civic life. Send us honest and able leaders. Enable us to eliminate poverty, prejudice, and oppression, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order, and that men and women from different cultures and with differing talents may find with one another the fulfillment of their humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated following the intercessions.

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Reverend Lindy Bunch

Please join us for a reception in the McKissick Family Courtyard (outside the west doors of the church) following this liturgy. During the singing of the following anthem, a special offering will be collected for the support of the Christ Church Music Ministry.

THE Anthem at the Offertory | In the year that King Uzziah died David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high, and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, "Woe is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Then flew one of the seraphim, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin is purged." Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then said I, "Here am I, send me." (Isaiah 6:1-8)

The Welsh-born American church musician, composer, and teacher, David McKinley Williams, composer of this evening's anthem, began his career in church music as a chorister in the choir of the Cathedral of St. John, Denver. At the age of 13 he became the organist of St. Peter's Church, Denver. In 1908 he went to New York to serve as the organist of Grace Church Chapel. He moved to Paris in 1911 for study with some of the best known French organists of the time. Upon his return, he served as organist of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York. He served in the Royal Canadian Artillery in World War I and returned to his New York position in 1920. After only six months, he was appointed organist and choirmaster of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York. He held this position until his retirement in 1947. David McKinley Williams developed one of the most outstanding music programs in the United States at St. Bartholomew's. He was head of the organ department of the Juilliard School of Music and a member of the faculty of the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary. He also served as a member of the Joint Commission on Church Music and the Joint Commission on the Revision of the Hymnal that produced The Hymnal (1940). The Hymnal 1982 uses five of his hymn tunes. The anthem sung this evening is his perhaps his best known work. It is an atmospheric and dramatic setting of Isaiah 6:1-8. The anthem employs the full tonal resources of the organ in many colorful and dramatic effects.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant Almighty God,

All 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 our selves 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.

THE PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,

who hast given us grace at this time with one accord

to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name

thou wilt be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord,

the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth,

and in the world to come life everlasting.

All Amen.

Please stand.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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.

All Amen.

Stanza 1 - All

Stanza 2 - Women

Stanza 3 - Men

Stanza 4 - All

Stanza 5 - Choir

Stanza 6 - All

THE RETIRING PROCESSION & ORGAN VOLUNTARY | Finale from Organ Sonata No. 1

Florence Price

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and the Choristers of the Church Street Choral Academy for

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