



THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
ALL SAINTS

Sunday October 17th 2021 at 4:00 PM

Evensong Commemorating
The Eve of St. Luke the Evangelist



Sung by the Women of the Cathedral Choir

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1330 CATHEDRAL LANE, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, B3H 2Z1

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The congregation stands as the choir enters.

Introit

Pie Jesu Domine

G. FAURÉ (1845-1924)

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.

Opening Sentence

WHEREFORE seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.

The congregation remains standing for the exhortation and kneels when called to confession.

Exhortation

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

Confession

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, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu 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.**

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live, hath given power and commandment to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins. He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Preces

PLAINSONG

Precentor:

O Lord, open thou our lips;

O God, make speed to save us;

The congregation stands for the "Gloria Patri".

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

Praise ye the Lord;

Choir:

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord's Name be praised.

The congregation sits after the first verse of the psalm and stands for the "Gloria Patri".

Psalm

43 *Judica me, Deus.*

H. J. GAUNTLETT

GIVE sentence for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; / O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou put me from thee? / and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me?

3 O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, / and bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling;

4 And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; / and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? / and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, / who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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 congregation sits for the Old Testament Lesson.

First Lesson Isaiah 55

The First Lesson is written in the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the 55th chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee. Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Here endeth the First Lesson.

The congregation may stand or remain seated for the Office Hymn.

Office Hymn *Exultet caelum laudibus.*

MODE VIII

1 Let the round world with songs rejoice;
Let heaven return the joyful voice;
All mindful of the Apostles' fame,
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.

3 O God, by whom to them was given
The key that shuts and opens heaven,
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,
And grant us grace to enter there;

2 Ye servants who once bore the light
Of Gospel truth o'er heathen night,
Still may your work that light impart,
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.

4 For at thy will they preached the word
Which cured disease, which health conferred:
O may that healing power once more
Our souls to grace and health restore:

5 That when thy Son again shall come,
And speak the world's unerring doom,
He may with them pronounce us blest,
And place us in thy endless rest.

6 To thee, O Father; Son, to thee;
To thee, blest Spirit, glory be!
So was it ay for ages past,
So shall through endless ages last. Amen.

Words: Latin 10th century, translated by R. Mant (1776-1848)

The congregation stands for the Magnificat.

Magnificat **Tone VI with Fauxbourdons by P. HALLEY**

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.

The congregation sits for the New Testament Lesson.

Second Lesson **Luke 1. 1 – 4**

The Second Lesson is written in the Gospel According to St. Luke, the 1st chapter, beginning at the 1st verse.

Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.

Here endeth the Second Lesson.

The congregation stands for the Nunc Dimittis and the Apostles' Creed.

Nunc Dimittis Tone III with Fauxbourdons by P. HALLEY

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 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.

Apostles' 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 Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Mutual Salutation

PLAINSONG

Precentor:

The Lord be with you;

Let us pray.

Choir:

And with thy spirit.

The congregation kneels.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

OUR Father which 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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Versicles & Responses

PLAINSONG

Precentor:

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

O Lord, save the Queen;

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

O Lord, save thy people;

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir:

And grant us thy salvation.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

And bless thine inheritance.

And evermore mightily defend us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collects

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that thou wouldest have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (for Trinity 20)

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (for St. Luke the Evangelist)

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 our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

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 Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The congregation sits for the Anthem.

Anthem

Eins bitte ich vom Herren

H. SCHÜTZ (1585-1672)

Eins bitte ich vom Herren, das hätte ich gern,
dass ich im Hause des Herrn möge bleiben mein Lebelang
zu schauen die schönen Gottesdienst des Herren
und seinen Tempel zu besuchen.

*I ask one thing from the Lord that I would dearly have:
that in the house of the Lord I might remain my whole life long
to behold the beautiful holy rites of the Lord
and to visit his temple.*

Prayers

Prayer of Saint John Chrysostom and the Grace

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

The congregation stands for the Closing Hymn.

Closing Hymn Come Sing, Ye Choirs ACH GOTT, VON HIMMELREICHE

1 Come sing, ye choirs exultant, Those messengers of God, Through whom the living Gospels Came sounding all abroad! Whose voice proclaimed salvation That poured upon the night, And drove away the shadows, And flushed the world with light.	2 In one harmonious witness The chosen Four combine While each his own commission Fulfills in every line; As, in the Prophet's vision, From out the amber flame In form of visage diverse Four living creatures came.
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3 Foursquare on this foundation
The Church of Christ remains,
A house to stand unshaken
By floods or winds or rains.
O glorious happy portion
In this safe home to be,
By God, true Man, united
With God eternally!

Words: Adam of St. Victor, c.1170;
trans. J. Mason (1833 – 1888)

Music: Anon., 1536;
adapt. M. Praetorius, 1609

Voluntary Fugue in E \flat Major ('St. Anne') J. S. BACH (BWV 552)

Next Sunday, October 24th the men of the Cathedral Choir will sing Evensong for the 21st Sunday after Trinity.

The following Sunday, October 31st the three choirs of the Cathedral, Capella Regalis and King's Chapel will sing Evensong for All Hallows' Eve.