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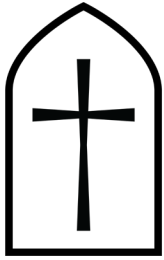


## EVENSONG

THE SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

5:00 PM



# Evensong

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Waco, TX

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## About Choral Evensong

*Evensong is a distinctively Anglican service that is sung daily in cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Its origins lie in the pattern of monastic worship, which dates to the earliest form of Christian worship. Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556) merged the two monastic services of Vespers and Compline to create the form of the service we are using tonight. It has been largely unchanged since the introduction of the English Prayer Book of 1549.*

*In the worship that is Choral Evensong, the choir and musicians serve as the worship leaders. Key parts of the service include a sung Psalm, the Song of Mary, the Song of Simeon, and one or more anthems. Evensong is also different from our other forms of worship, in that it requires worshipping by listening, while the choir offers its prayers and gifts on behalf of the congregation through the music and texts.*

*The people's responses are in **bold**.*

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*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Inez Caraway Miller and in thanksgiving for John "Jack", George, and Charles Lupton.*

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## PRECES AND RESPONSES

Harry Brama  
(b. 1936)

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: 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.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's Name be praised.

## THE PSALM • 34:8-12

*Sung by the choir.*

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

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.

## THE LESSONS

THE EPISTLE • James 1:2-8; 16-18

A Reading from Acts.

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face various trials, consider it all joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance complete its work, so that you may be complete and whole, 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 brothers and sisters. 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 fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Here endeth the Reading.

MAGNIFICAT • Service in D

Charles Wood  
(1866-1926)

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

## THE GOSPEL • Luke 12:13-21

A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Here endeth the Reading.

## NUNC DIMITTIS • Service in D

Charles Wood  
(1866-1926)

*Sung by the choir.*

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.

*The people stand as able.*

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP 66

**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 kneel as able.*

## THE PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Harry Brama  
(b. 1936)

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

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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

Harry Brama  
(b. 1936)

Officiant: O Lord, shew thy mercy ypon us.  
Choir: And grant us thy salvation.  
Officiant: O Lord, save the State.  
Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with reighteousness.  
Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful  
Officiant: O Lord, save thy people.  
Choir: And bless thine inheritance.  
Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only though, O God.  
Officiant: O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECTS

BCP 69

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, 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.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. **Amen.**

## ANTHEM • O Saviour of the World

John Goss  
(1800-1880)

*O Saviour of the World,  
who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.  
Amen*



Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

HYMN • *O gladsome Light, O grace* • 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).

# THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in a*

Anonymous  
18th c.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

10:00 AM Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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