

# CHORAL EVENSONG

14 February 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

3:00pm



St. George's Cathedral, Kingston

# THE ORDER FOR EVENING PRAYER

Beginning on page 21 of the Book of Common Prayer

*Minister.* O LORD, open thou our lips;

*People.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Minister.* O God, make speed to save us;

*People.* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*People.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord;

*People.* The Lord's Name be praised.

## Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

**W**HEN Israel came out of Egypt : and the house of Jacob from among the  
strange people,

2 Judah was his sanctuary : and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw that, and fled : Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams : and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest : and thou Jordan, that thou  
wast driven back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams : and ye little hills, like young sheep?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord : at the presence of the God  
of Jacob;

8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water : and the flint-stone into a  
springing well.

The First Lesson is written in the Wisdom of Jesus Son of Sirach, also known as  
Ecclesiasticus, the 48th Chapter, beginning at the first verse:

Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon  
them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens,  
and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds!

Whose glory is equal to yours? You raised a corpse from death and from Hades, by the word of the Most High. You sent kings down to destruction, and famous men, from their sickbeds. You heard rebuke at Sinai and judgements of vengeance at Horeb. You anointed kings to inflict retribution, and prophets to succeed you. You were taken up by a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with horses of fire. At the appointed time, it is written, you are destined to calm the wrath of God before it breaks out in fury, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and to restore the tribes of Jacob. Happy are those who saw you and were adorned with your love! For we also shall surely live.

Here endeth the first lesson.

### THE OFFICE HYMN:

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured  
who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
holiest of holies, Jesus our Lord.

2 Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,  
the lights of evening round us shine,  
we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

3 Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Sabaste*

Sir John Stainer (1840-1901)

Greek, 3<sup>rd</sup> cent. or earlier

tr. John Keble (1792-1866)

Magnificat. St Luke 1. 46.

**M**Y 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 Second Lesson is written in the Gospel according to St John, the 12th Chapter, beginning at the 24th verse.

Jesus said, Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say –“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’

Here endeth the second lesson.

Nunc Dimittis. St Luke 2.29.

**L**ORD, 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.

*Then shall be said or sung the Confession of the Faith, called the 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.

*And after the Creed these prayers following, all devoutly kneeling, the Minister first pronouncing:*

The Lord be with you;

*People.* And with thy spirit.

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR 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. *Amen.*

*Then the Priest standing up shall say:*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*People:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Priest:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*People:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Priest:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*People:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Priest:* O Lord, save thy people;

*People:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Priest:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*People:* And evermore mightily defend us.

*Priest:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*People:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**O** GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the children of God, and heirs of eternal life:

Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Second Collect, for Peace.*

**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.*

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils.*

**L**IGHTEN 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 ANTHEM:**

My eyes for beauty pine,  
My soul for Goddes grace :  
No other care nor hope is mine,  
To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
From all the stars above :  
'Tis named when God's name is said,  
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
That burns with true desire,  
Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

Robert Bridges 1844-1930

Herbert Howells 1892-1983

**HYMN:**

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,  
lead thou me on;

the night is dark, and I am far from home;  
    lead thou me on.

    Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

2 I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
    shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
    lead thou me on.

    I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3 So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
    will lead me on,  
o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till  
    the night is gone,  
    and with the morn those angel faces smile,  
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

*Alberta*

Sir William Harris 1883-1973

John Henry Newman 1801-1890

**A**LMIGHTY God and merciful Father, who wouldest have the kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of thy Son Jesus Christ: Bestow thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon all who labour for peace and righteousness among the peoples; that the day may be hastened when war shall be no more, and thy will only shall govern the nations upon earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear our prayers, and grant to this Diocese all things needful for its spiritual welfare. Strengthen and confirm the faithful; protect and guide the children; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent. Remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind

within the fold of thy holy Church, to the honour and glory of thy blessed Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom.*

**A**Lmighty 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.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14.*

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



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