

Choral Evensong

Order of Worship



SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

APRIL 14, 2024
5:00 p.m.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
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Cathedral Parish of the Diocese of Oklahoma (Episcopal)

Celebrating the diversity of God's creation.

CHORAL EVENSONG

OFFICIANT

The Very Reverend Katie Churchwell, Dean

VOLUNTARY

George Dyson (1883-1964)

Prelude in F

Please stand for the procession.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be an evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

Thine is the day, O God, thine also the night; thou hast established the moon and the sun. Thou hast fixed all the boundaries of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter. *Psalm 74:15,16*

The Invitatory and Psalter

PRECES

John Abdenour (b. 1962)

Sung by Officiant and Choir.

V: O Lord, open thou our lips;

R: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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.

PHOS HILARON

Christe, Lux mundi

Sung by the Choir

Christ, mighty Savior, Light of all creation,
you make the daytime radiant with the sunlight
and to the night give glittering adornment,
stars in the heavens.

Therefore we come now evening rites to offer,
joyfully chanting holy hymns to praise you,
with all creation joining hearts and voices
singing your glory.

Now comes the day's end as the sun is setting:
mirror of daybreak, pledge of resurrection;
while in the heavens choirs of stars appearing
hallow the nightfall.

Give heed, we pray you, to our supplication:
that you may grant us pardon for offenses,
strength for our weak hearts, rest for aching bodies,
soothing the weary.

Though bodies slumber, hearts shall keep their vigil,
for ever resting in the peace of Jesus,
in light or darkness worshiping our Savior
now and for ever.

The congregation may be seated.

- 1 Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise; *
for thy loving mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
- 2 Wherefore shall the heathen say, *
Where is now their God?
- 3 As for our God, he is in heaven: *
he hath done whatsoever pleased him.
- 4 Their idols are silver and gold, *
even the work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, and speak not; *
eyes have they, and see not.
- 6 They have ears, and hear not; *
noses have they, and smell not.
- 7 They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not; *
neither speak they through their throat.
- 8 They that make them are like unto them; *
and so are all such as put their trust in them.
- 9 But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
- 10 Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
- 11 Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord; *
he is their helper and defender.
- 12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us; *
even he shall bless the house of Israel, he shall bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 He shall bless them that fear the Lord, *
both small and great.
- 14 The Lord shall increase you more and more, *
you and your children.
- 15 Ye are the blessed of the Lord, *
who made heaven and earth.
- 16 All the whole heavens are the LORD'S; *
the earth hath he given to the children of men.
- 17 The dead praise not thee, O Lord, *
neither all they that go down into silence.

18 But we will praise the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore. Praise the Lord.

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 FIRST LESSON

1 John 2:7-17

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven on account of his name.

I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young people,
because you have conquered the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young people,
because you are strong
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Here endeth the lesson.

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.

All are seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark16: 9-20

Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it.

Here endeth the lesson.

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 APOSTLES CREED

Said by all, standing.

**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 Prayers

The Congregation may stand or kneel.

THE LESSER LITANY

The following is sung by the choir:

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spirit.

V: Let us pray.

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,
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.

THE SUFFRAGES

John Abdenour

V: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R: And grant us thy salvation.

V: O Lord, save the State;
R: And mercifully hear us when 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, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

George Dyson (1883-1964)

I will worship toward thy holy temple
And praise thy name
For thy loving kindness and truth.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
They shall sing in the ways of the Lord,
That great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord is high
Yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
Yet thou shalt refresh me
And thy right hand shall hold me.

~Words: Psalm 138

All stand.

CLOSING PRAYERS

A Prayer for Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone worke great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops and Priests, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing: Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

The Officiant and the People together say,

**Almighty God, 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.**

A Prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and do promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfill 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.**



1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

All remain standing during the procession.

VOLUNTARY

Charles Joseph Frost (1848-1918)

Postlude in A Flat

***Please join us for a reception following the service.**

SINGERS FROM THE CATHEDRAL CHOIRS SERVING TODAY
Leah McDonald, Clara Ripka, Matthew Sessing, Erin Ripka, Heather Sessing,
Dustin Morningstar, Brett Hileman, Jessica Fletcher

Please scan for welcome information.



Please scan for online giving.



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The Very Reverend Katie Churchwell, Dean

ACOLYTE

John Koons

LECTORS

Jennifer England-Burnside & Joann Speers

MUSICIANS

Joseph Ripka, Canon Precentor & Director of Music
Christopher Pharo, Cathedral Organ Scholar
The Cathedral Choir & Choristers

TECHNICAL

Terry Jenks

The St. Paul's Cathedral Choir & Choristers

Decani

Clara Ripka*
Willa Heater
Matthew Reed
Iris Diven**
Kirby Heuer**
Kate Kretchmar**
George Ozan

Cantoris

Elsa Heater †
Clara Heater
Matthew Sessing
Arthur Diven**
Lila Newton
Henry Herrin*
George Herrin

Daniel Jones***

†*Head Chorister*

**Decani & Cantoris Leaders*

***Novice*

****Probationer*

Men & Women of the Choir

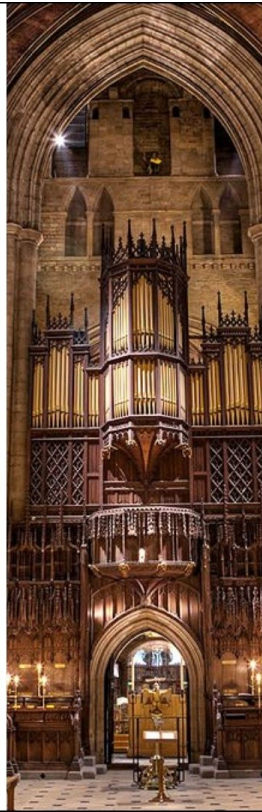
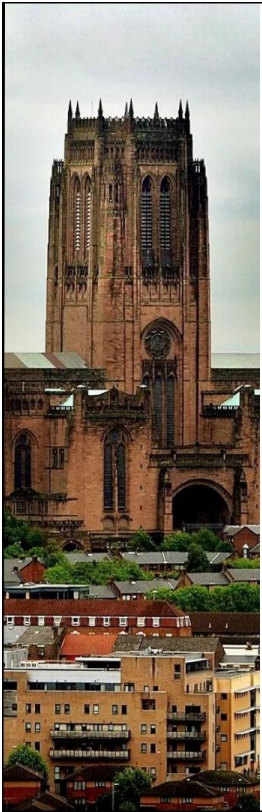
Katie Armistead
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Betsy Banks
Jennifer Cameron
Leah McDonald
Heather Sessing
Alia Young

Erin Ripka
Alison Diven
Melody Metivier
Jessica Fletcher
Dustin Morningstar
Philip Newcomer
Liam Hart*
Mel Kincaid

Paul Fletcher
Richard Jobe
Mark Sessing
Justice Diven
David Reed*
Thomas Reed*

**Teen Choral Scholar*

The Cathedral Chorister program provides youth with a foremost musical education which embraces the tradition of children's voices. For nearly one thousand years, children (primarily boys until the last sixty years) have sung daily services in the great cathedrals and collegiate chapels of England. Our holistic approach to training these choristers places equal emphasis on musical development, religious education, leadership training and social activities. Cathedral Choristers receive professional training in the fundamentals of music including sight-reading, ear-training, and music theory. The program is open to boys and girls in grades K through 12. Teen boys with changed voices are also welcome. Rehearsal times offer flexibility and choristers are required to attend twice per week. This is a new offering for St. Paul's Cathedral! Interested families and potential choristers should contact Canon Precentor & Director of Music, Joseph Ripka for more information, or to set up a meeting. jripka@stpaulsokc.org



Choir Tour 2025!

The Cathedral Choir will embark on a tour of the UK in 2025 including Liverpool, Ripon, and Chester Cathedrals. Save the dates! July 19-29, 2025.

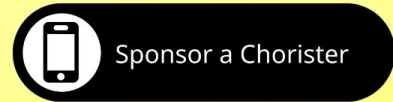


JOIN THE CHOIR! All new choristers

who join by Easter 2024 will be eligible to tour with us. Email jripka@stpaulsokc.org to join.



Sponsor a Chorister



Choral residencies are an important part of chorister education. We want to make it possible for all of our choristers to participate in this trip. If you would like to sponsor a chorister, please scan the QR code or email Joseph Ripka at jripka@stpaulsokc.org. Thank you!

Full sponsorship: \$3000