



HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1045 SOUTH TWENTIETH STREET
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

CHORAL EVENSONG

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018
FOUR O' CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting: Evening Service in G Minor - Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Preces and Responses: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Heinrich Bach (1615-1692)

Fugue on Erbarm' dich mein, O Herre Gott

O God, Be Merciful to Me

The People stand for the procession.

THE CHORAL INTROIT

A Prayer of King Henry VI

*Domine, Jesu Christe, qui me creasti, redemisti, et preordinasti ad hoc quod sum,
tu scis quid de me facere vis; fac de me secundum voluntatem tuam cum misericordia. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, who created, redeemed, and preordained me to be this that I am,
You know what you wish to do with me; do with me in accordance with your will, with mercy. Amen.*

Henry Ley (1887 - 1962)

Text, Traditional Latin

HYMN 700

EVENTIDE

The People sit for the confession.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Officiant and People:

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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus 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.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Sung by The Choir.

PRECES AND RESPONSES

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 People sit for the Psalm.

PSALM 84:1-4, 12-13

Anglican Chant: Charles H. Parry (1848-1918)

1 O how amiable are thy dwellings * thou Lord of hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord *
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young *
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house * they will be always praising thee.
12 For the Lord God is a light and defence *

the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

13 O Lord God of hosts * blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, then sit for the lesson.)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.*

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 6:3-14

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,
For He hath regarded the low estate 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 shewed 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 the 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 fore fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, and then sit for the lesson.)
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

John 5:19-24

¹⁹Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. ²⁰The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. ²¹Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. ²²The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis

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.
(The people stand at the Gloria Patri, and remain standing for the Creed.)
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

(Sung by all. Monotone.)

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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION

Officiant: *The Lord be with you.*

Choir: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: *Let us pray.*

(The people sit.)

Choir: *Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Sung by all. Monotone.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: *Our Father,*

People: *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 and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

SUFFRAGES

Cantor: *O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.*

Choir: *And grant us Thy salvation.*

Cantor: *Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.*

Choir: *And make Thy chosen people joyful.*

Cantor: *O Lord, save Thy people.*

Choir: *And bless Thine inheritance.*

Cantor: *Give peace in our time, O Lord.*

Choir: *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.*

Cantor: *O God, make clean our hearts within us.*

Choir: *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, forever and ever.

Choir: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant: 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.

Choir: Amen.

COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERIL

Officiant: 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 Savior Jesus Christ.

Choir: Amen.

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

THE ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*The King of Love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never,
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine for ever.
Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed; but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me.
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth.
And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house for ever.*

Sir Edward C. Bairstow (1871-1946)

Text, Psalm 23

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant: *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 all. 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 may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and 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.*

People: Amen.

(The people stand.)

THE GRACE

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

People: Amen.

HYMN IN PROCESSION 683

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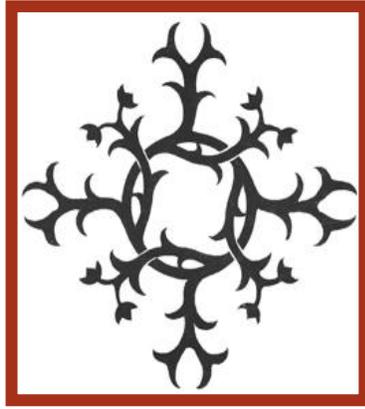
*Please remain standing until the procession leaves the Nave.
You are invited to remain seated in the Nave until the conclusion of the Voluntary.
Those who wish to leave are asked to do so quietly.*

VOLUNTARY

Präludium e Fugue in C Minor

Jan Zach (1699 - 1773)

PEALING OF THE TOWER BELLS



SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

Since the fourth century, the Christian cycle of daily public prayer services has been in existence. Evensong is Evening Prayer which is sung. By observing Evensong, we establish our identity as a Christian community, bound together and set apart. Our community includes those present, as well as the whole people of God across the ages. To those who have gone before us, we join our own voices, so that the whole company of heaven and earth becomes united in prayer, song and praise. The music sung by the choir is traditionally accorded an important role. Evensong begins with introductory sentences, a hymn, and a psalm. There are usually two Lessons, each one followed by a canticle, which is a song. The first canticle is the *Magnificat*, "My soul doth magnify the Lord." (Luke 1:39-56). Mary's song is composed of a number of Old Testament phrases, and it expresses the hopes of all those who are poor, oppressed, and powerless, and who faithfully anticipate the fulfillment of God's promises. The *Nunc Dimittis*, the *Song of Simeon* (Luke 2:29-32) is the second canticle. It blends together three ideas: that God's promise to Israel has been fulfilled; that the coming of night and of peaceful rest are blessings for us; and that like Simeon, we may approach death with the knowledge of our salvation. A short homily is given by the minister and The Apostles' Creed is monotoned. "Suffrages" are short prayers sung responsively by the minister and the choir. Concluding the service are prayers called the "collects."

Please join in the singing of the hymns, the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed.
The Choir offers the psalm text, canticles and service music on behalf of all in worship.

The Reverend Mikah Hudson, OFFICIANT
Richard C. Phillips, CHOIRMASTER AND ORGANIST
KATHLEEN THOMPSON, READER
Thomas Head, CANTOR
Ellis Landers, CHIMER
GRACIE PHILLIPS, CRUCIFER

THE CHOIR

Soprano

Naomi Archer
Ellen Buckner
Savannah Busby
Lindsay Dawson
Rachel Hancock
Kim McRae
Renee Peacock
Rachel Satterwhite

Alto

Kathy Burdette
Sumter Coleman
Emilee Cornwell
Mary Elizabeth Neal
Elizabeth Perry
Gracie Phillips
Lucy Phillips
Suzanne Phillips
Lee Stayer

Tenor

David Busby
Paul Gentry
William Hooker
Ellis Landers
David Lawshe

Bass

Brian Bellenger
Stan Hart
Thomas Head
Brett Huffman
Jack Smith
Scott Welch
Goodloe White