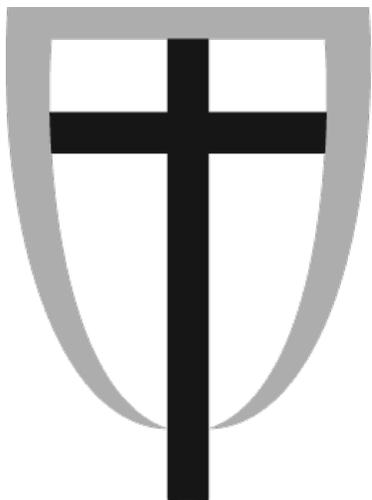


CHORAL EVENSONG FOR PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 28, 2020
Online



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BATON ROUGE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!

*This service leaflet is meant to aid you
in full participation in our Liturgy from your home.*

*The Choirs of St. James gathered in small, socially-distanced groups
to record separate portions of the liturgy.*

These portions were then knit together to form a full service.

Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.

CHORAL EVENSONG

Voluntary *Jesus Christ, my sure defense, BWV 728* *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

Opening Sentences

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father,
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep
darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night;
that calleth forth the waters of the sea, and poureth them out
upon the face of the earth: the Lord is his Name.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me
shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:


as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

O gracious Light, pure brightness
of the ever living Father in heaven.
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
And to be gloried through all the worlds.

The Psalm *Psalm 103**Benedic, anima mea**Plainchant Mode VIII.2*

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- ³ He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- ⁵ He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ⁶ The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷ He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- ⁸ The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- ⁹ He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- ¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- ¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- ¹² As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- ¹³ As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he himself knows whereof we are made; *
he remembers that we are but dust.

- ¹⁵ Our days are like the grass; *
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ When the wind goes over it, it is gone, *
and its place shall know it no more.
- ¹⁷ But the merciful goodness of the Lord
endures for ever on those who fear him, *
and his righteousness on children's children;
- ¹⁸ On those who keep his covenant *
and remember his commandments and do them.
- ¹⁹ The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.
- ²⁰ Bless the Lord, you angels of his,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.
- ²¹ Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.
- ²² Bless the Lord, all you works of his,
in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9

Lector A lesson from the Prophet Zechariah.

And on that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the one whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity. "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is my associate," says the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd, that the sheep may be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one-third shall be left alive. And I will put this third into the fire, refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on my name, and I will answer them. I will say, "They are my people"; and they will say, "The Lord is our God."

Following the lesson

Lector Here ends the lesson.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My Spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he has set away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
For he has remembered his promise of mercy.
The promise he made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children 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 forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson *Matthew 21:12-17*

Lector A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.' The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?' He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Following the lesson

Lector Here ends 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 to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And will be forever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

Cantor or Officiant

That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People

We en - treat you, O Lord.

(This response is sung after each petition)


That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,


That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,


That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,


That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,


and not be condemned before the great judg - ment seat of Christ,


That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of


[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

The Collects

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know thee as thou art revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. **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.**

The Anthem

*Stanley Vann (1910-2010)
Sung by the St. Cecilia Choir*

Hail, true body, born of Mary,
Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
Thou who truly hangedst weary
On the cross for sons of earth;
Thou whose sacred side was riven,
Whence the Water flow'd and Blood,
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given
At death's hour to be our food.
O most kind! O gracious One!
O sweetest Jesu, holy mary's Son!
Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

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.

The Dismissal and Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant 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.