



ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Evening Prayer

December 1, 2021

6:00 PM



*We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment
to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*

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Evening Prayer (also called Evensong) is a church service that is, in the Anglican tradition, traditionally held near sunset and is focused on reading Scripture, singing psalms and other Biblical canticles, and lifting up our prayers at the end of the day. Based on the services that were held daily in the medieval Church, Evening Prayer as arranged in the Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England has been prayed regularly in Anglican/Episcopal churches and cathedrals since the sixteenth century. Tonight's liturgy is our own St. Elisabeth's adaptation of that service.

Evening Prayer

Prelude

Welcome

Please join us after this service in the Guild Room for a community supper and Christian Formation.

Opening Acclamation

Please stand as able.

Presider O Lord, open our lips,

Assembly And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Presider O God, be not far from us.

Assembly Come quickly to help us, O God.

Presider Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Assembly as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Phos hilaron

Enriching our Music 68

"Light of the World"

Morrison

1 Light of the world, in grace and beau - ty,
 2 Now, as we see the lights of eve - ning,



mir - ror of God's e - ter - nal face,
 we raise our voice in hymns of praise;



trans - par - ent flame of love's free du - ty,
 worth - y are you of end - less bless - ing,



you bring sal - va - tion to our race.
 sun of our night, lamp of our days.

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Please be seated.

Psalm

Psalm 13

Read responsively by whole verse, with reader leading.

1 How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?

**2 How long must I bear pain in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

3 Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,

**4 and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.**

5 But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

**6 I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

The Lessons

First Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly Thanks be to God.

Magnificat

Please stand as able.

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“My soul give glory to my God”

Morning Song

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God. My
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3 From age to age, to all who fear, such
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is this name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spi - rits
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

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low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

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Please be seated.

Second Lesson

“Drawing Near”
by Jan Richardson

It is difficult to see it from here, I know, but trust me when I say this blessing is inscribed on the horizon. Is written on that far point you can hardly see. Is etched into a landscape whose contours you cannot know from here. All you know is that it calls you, draws you, pulls you toward what you have perceived only in pieces, in fragments that came to you in dreaming or in prayer.

I cannot account for how, as you draw near, the blessing embedded in the horizon begins to blossom upon the soles of your feet, shimmers in your two hands. It is one of the mysteries of the road, how the blessing you have traveled toward, waited for, ached for suddenly appears as if it had been with you all this time, as if it simply needed to know how far you were willing to walk to find the lines that were traced upon you before the day that you were born.

Please stand as able.

Nunc dimittis

Worship 872

“Now let your servant go in peace”

Conditor alme siderum



1. Now let your ser - vant go in peace;
 2. Be - fore the peo - ples you pre - pare
 3. Child, you are cho - sen as a sign
 4. Now let us sing our Sav - ior's praise,



Let praise and bless - ing here in - crease;
 Your way of life which all may share.
 To test the hu - man heart and mind;
 And tell God's good - ness all our days.



For in our midst your word is done
 Your sav - ing pow'r is now made known;
 For se - crets hid - den in the night
 While breath is ours, let praise be heard



And you have sent your Prom - ised One.
 A - mong the na - tions love is shown.
 Shall be re - vealed in pierc - ing light.
 For God's own faith - ful, sav - ing word.

Apostles' Creed*Assembly*

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.

Lord's Prayer*Presider*

God be with you.

Assembly

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

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.

Suffrages

- V. Help us, O God our Savior;
 R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
 V. Look upon your congregation;
 R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
 V. Declare your glory among the nations;
 R. And your wonders among all peoples.
 V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
 R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
 V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
 R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Week

Presider Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly Amen.

Collect for Peace

Presider Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Assembly Amen.

Collect for Aid against Perils

Presider Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Assembly Amen.

The Presider invites the assembly to enter into a period of contemplation and meditation during the following piece of music. You are invited to be seated during this time of meditation.

Meditative Music

Prayers

Grace

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

Assembly Amen.

Please stand as able.

Closing Hymn

Lift Up Your Hearts 699

“Like a river glorious”

Eventide

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. Above the treble staff, the following chord symbols are placed: F, C, F, F7, Bb, C, F, C. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with two verses. The first verse is: "1 Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -". The second verse is: "2 Hid - den in the hol - low of his might - y hand, where no harm can". The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet still flow - ing
fol - low, in his strength we stand. We may trust him ful - ly

Gm F C F C[#]7 Dm G F C7 F

full - er ev - ery day; per - fect, yet still growing deep - er all the way.
all for us to do; those who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

Refrain

B^b F Gm F C

Trust - ing in the Fa - ther, hearts are ful - ly blest,

F C[#]7 Dm G7 F C7 F

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

Postlude

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Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Language Holy Communion**
in the church and via Facebook Live
- 9:00 AM **Bible Study** in the Guild Room
- 10:00 AM **Children’s Formation**
- 10:00 AM **Inclusive Language Holy Communion**
in the church and via Facebook Live

Office Hours

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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