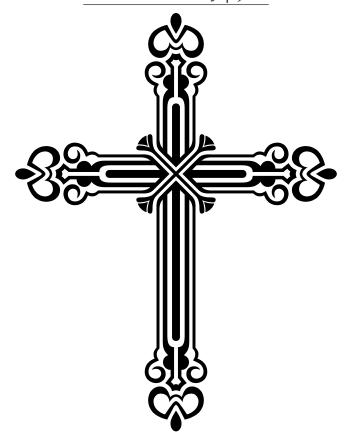
CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 26 March 2023 | 5PM



THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS OF

ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

Reaching One Another, Tallahassee, and the World with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ

EVENSONG

Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation.

All mobile telephones, pagers, and electronic devices should be turned off prior to the service.

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"Daily Morning and Evening Prayer are the established rites (offices) by which, both corporately and individually, God's people annually encounter the whole of Holy Scriptures, daily confess their sins and praise Almighty God, and offer timely thanksgivings, petitions, and intercessions." (2019 Book of Common Prayer, Page 6). Unlike the Eucharist, these Daily Offices can be said by anyone either publicly or privately. Many churches, like St. Peter's, say or sing the Offices publicly on a daily basis. While on the weekdays our Evening Prayer is said, occasionally on Sunday evenings it will be sung. The service of Evensong is Evening Prayer sung by the people, or chorally by a choir on behalf of the people. Musical settings are drawn from many eras, some reflecting modern prayer book language and others from the original 1662 Book of Common Prayer. We invite you to join along, as able, or sit in prayerful contemplation as the voices of the singers and scripture wash over you.

Prelude Remain seated.

Ringing of the Bell Please stand.

Opening Scripture

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8: 12

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the People:

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. All kneel.

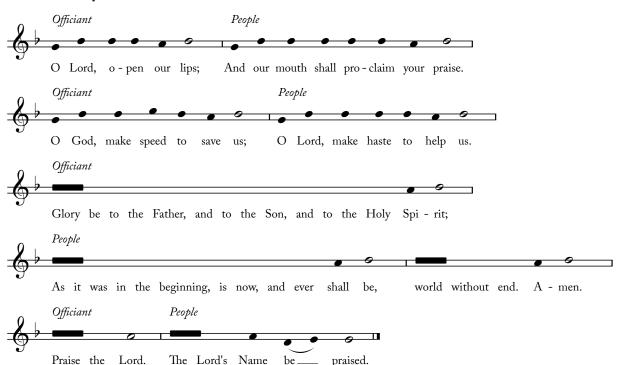
The Officiant and People say:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your 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; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

The Priest alone stands and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory All stand.



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Psalm 130 Sung by the Choir.

¹ Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; * Lord, hear my voice.

² O let your ears consider well *
the voice of my supplications.

³ If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, *

O Lord, who could abide it?

⁴ For there is mercy with you; * therefore you shall be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *

in his word is my trust.

⁶ My soul waits for the Lord, *

more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, *

and with him is plenteous redemption;

⁸ And he shall redeem Israel *

from all their sins.

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

4 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. ²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Canticle Sung by Choir.

Magnificat

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My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant. Behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy, holy, holy, is His name. And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; and exalted those of humble estate; He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, as He spoke to our fathers, Abraham and to his offspring forever. 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 Matthew 17: 1–9

¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." ²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lav against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

Canticle Sung by Choir.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace according to Your word.

For my eyes have seen Your salvation that You prepared before the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, for the glory of your 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 Homily All are seated.

The Apostles' Creed All stand and chant together.

When reciting the Creed, we join with Christians since the Early Church in facing East, toward the rising sun, Jerusalem, the Garden, and the direction in which Scriptures speak of the Lord's return.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

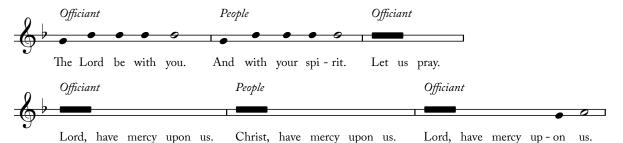
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the 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.

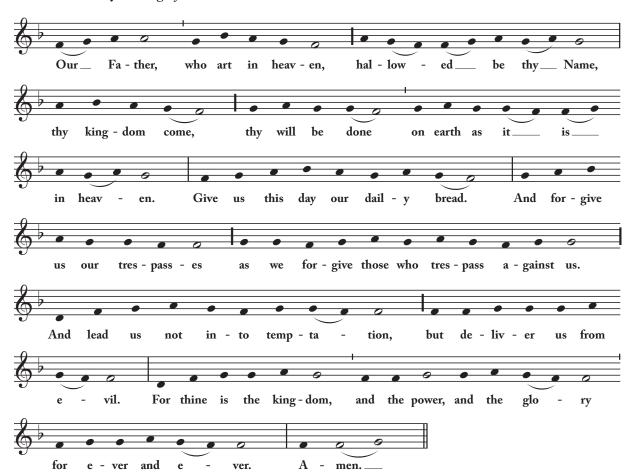
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers The People kneel.

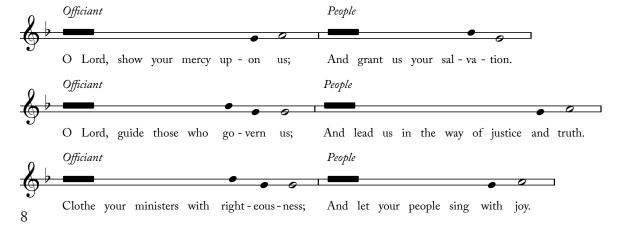


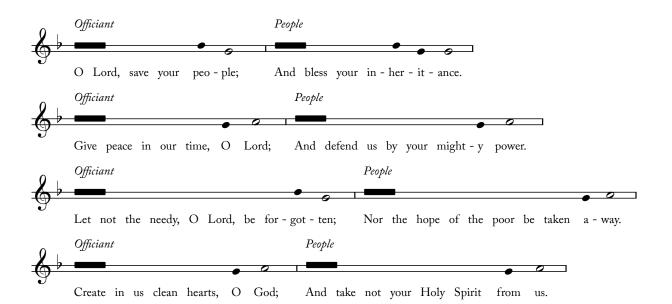
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The Lord's Prayer Sung by All.



Suffrages





The Collect of the Day Remain kneeling.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid Against Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Collect for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

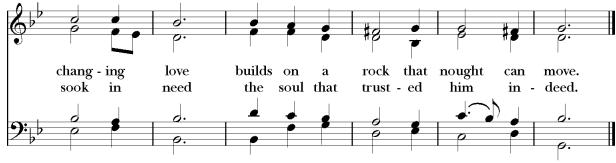
Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy

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Hymn 635

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee





Words: Georg Neumark (1621-1681); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Wer nur lieben Gott, Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Prayer for the Church and for the World All kneel.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Grace All say in unison

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Voluntary

The congregation may remain for a brief service of Holy Communion or may depart at this time.



SERVICES

9am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language
11:15am Sunday* | Holy Communion in Traditional Language
5pm Sunday | Holy Communion in Contemporary Language | St. Mary's Chapel
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing | Chancel
7:30pm Wednesday* (during class semester) | Choral Compline | Chancel
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer | Chancel
4:30pm Monday-Thursday | Evening Prayer | Chancel
*Service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel | www.youtube.com/stpetersfl

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