CHORAL EVENSONG

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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THE CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS

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.

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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 Saint Peter's, say or sing the Offices publicly on a daily basis. While on the weekdays our Evening Prayer is said, 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.

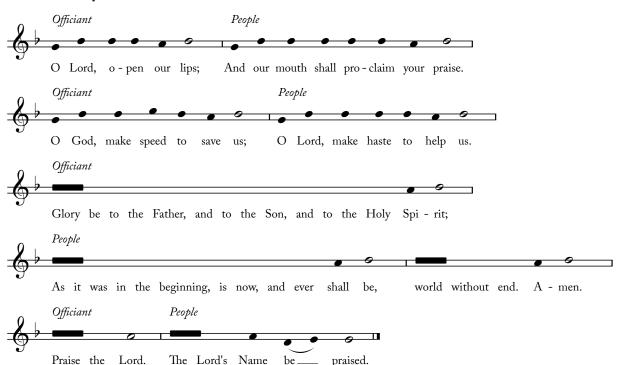
The Officiant and People say:

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.

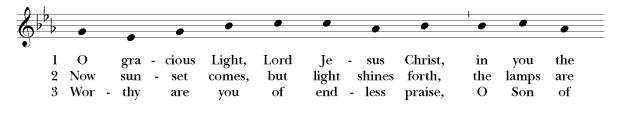
The Priest alone stands and says:

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.**

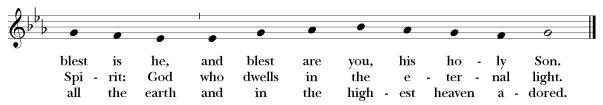
The Invitatory All stand.



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This melody may be sung in rhythmic form:

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Psalm 122 Sung by the choir.

¹ I was glad when they said unto me, *
"We will go into the house of the Lord."

² Now our feet are standing * within your gates, O Jerusalem.

³ Jerusalem is built as a city * that is at unity in itself.

⁴ For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord, *
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name
of the Lord.

⁵For there is the throne of judgment, * even the throne of the house of David.

⁶ O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; * they shall prosper that love you.

Peace be within your walls *
 and plenteousness within your palaces.
 For my brethren and companions' sakes, *
 I will wish you prosperity.
 Indeed, because of the house of the Lord our God, *
 I will seek to do you good.

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 Romans 13: 8–14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

My soul magnifies the Lord, * and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; For he has regarded * the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from now on, * all generations will call me blessed; For he that is mighty has magnified me, * and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on those who fear him, * throughout all generations. He has shown the strength of his arm; * he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones, * and has exalted the humble and meek.

He has filled the hungry with good things, * and the rich he has sent empty away.

He, remembering his mercy, has helped his servant Israel, * as he promised to our fathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson Matthew 24: 29-44

²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁶ "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

Canticle All Stand. Sung by Choir. Nunc Dimittis

W. Rogers

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, * according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, * which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, * and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Homily All are seated.	
Notes	

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.

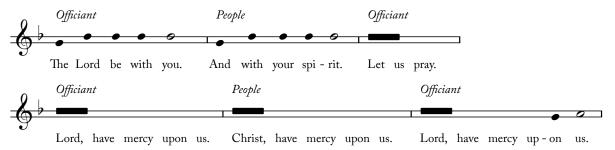
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

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.

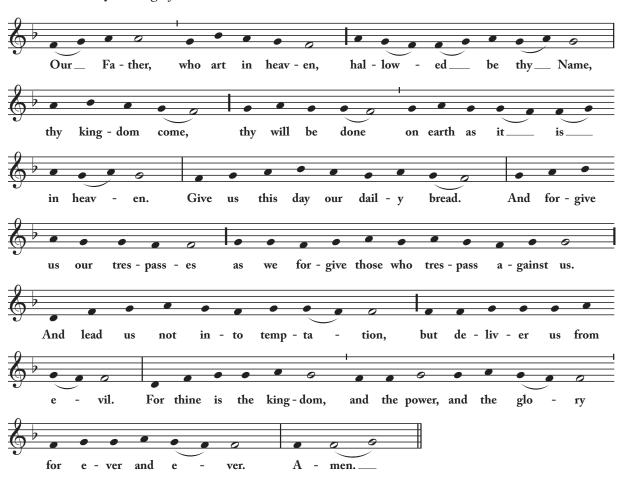
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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, 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. **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.**





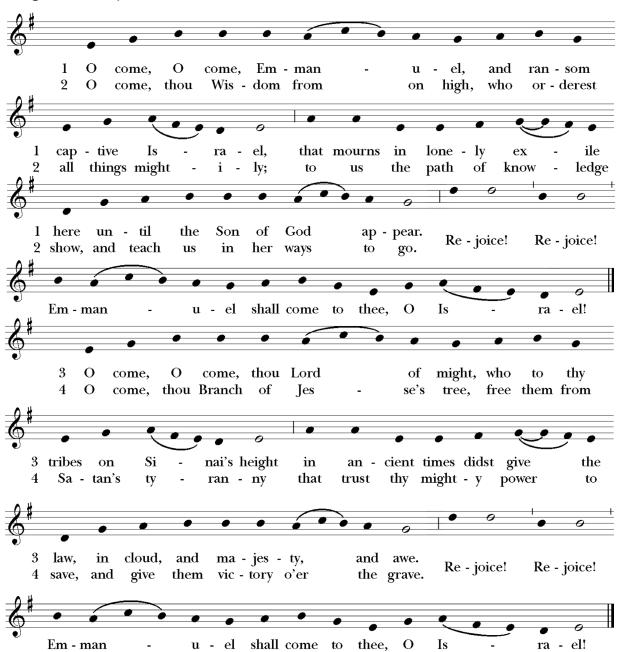


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Prayer for the Church and for the World All kneel.

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* | Evensong with Holy Communion
12:10pm Wednesday | Holy Communion & Prayers of Healing
7:30pm Wednesday* (during class semester) | Choral Compline
9am Monday-Friday | Morning Prayer
4:30pm Monday-Thursday | Evening Prayer

OUR CLERGY

*Service is live-streamed on our YouTube channel | www.youtube.com/stpetersfl

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