

EVENSONG

IN CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY
OF BISHOP NEIL LEBHAR
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ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

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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.

When you enter a St. Peter's worship service/event, you will be entering an area where photography, video, and audio recording may occur.

“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.

Ringing of the Bell *Please stand.*

Opening Hymn 525

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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.*

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us;

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

Phos Hilaron *Said by All.*

**O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the everliving 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 glorified through all the worlds.**

V1

Our mouths, they were filled,
Filled with laughter;
Our tongues, they were loosed,
Loosed with joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!

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Although we are weeping,
Lord, help us keep sowing
The seeds of your Kingdom
For the day you will reap them.
Your sheaves we will carry;
Lord, please do not tarry!
All those who so weeping
Will go out with songs of joy.

V2

The nations will say,
“He has done great things!”
The nations will sing
Songs of joy.
Restore us, O Lord!
Restore us, O Lord!



¹⁶ “After I had given the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed to the Lord, saying:
¹⁷ ‘Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you. ¹⁸ You show steadfast love to thousands, but you repay the guilt of fathers to their children after them, O great and mighty God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹ great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the children of man, rewarding each one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds. ²⁰ You have shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day. ²¹ You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror. ²² And you gave them this land, which you swore to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle *All Stand. Sung by All.*

When You Know What You Know

Before a word touches my lips, you know it completely.
Before a thought forms in my head, your eyes see it done.
You come unbidden to things that are hidden,
You search me and leave me with nowhere to run.

I take the worst parts of my heart and hide them discretely.
I keep them concealed in the darkest place I can find.
Though I see them unlit, to you they are sunlit;
Your knowledge surrounds me before and behind.

*On the day that you called me, you saw me
With the sins of my life still before me.
How can you say you love me so,
When you know what you know?*

You watch us repenting today, repeating tomorrow.
Although we get down on our knees, we stand up so fast.
You do not ration your grace and compassion,
Despite knowing how long our promises last.

You even bring comfort and help to our self-made sorrow.
For there is no evil that's deeper than your goodness delves.
Your loving-kindness is willing to find us
In the depths of the pit we have dug for ourselves.

*On the day that you joined us, you knew us,
And your all-seeing eyes saw right through us.
Why would you pay the debt we owe,
When you know what you know?*

Now each day I live bring its own unpleasant surprises.
How am I still doing things so worthy of blame?
But you saw my sinning before the beginning,
You factored it in when you called me by name.

And as I reflect on these things, my heart realizes
That there is no part of my life that you have not known.
The promise you've spoken can never be broken:
"You are my child, and I'm taking you home."

*Father, thank you that I dwell securely,
Though I carry your image so poorly.
How could you ever let me go,
When you know what you know?*

The Second Lesson

John 15: 12–17

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

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.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with your spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer *Said by All.*

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

Officiant: O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People: And grant us your salvation.

Officiant: O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People: And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: And let your people sing with joy.

Officiant: O Lord, save your people;

People: And bless your inheritance.

Officiant: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People: And defend us by your mighty power.

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

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.**

Our Father, you live in heaven,
Where ageless angels praise,
But also with the humble,
Of brief and broken days.
O may your Name be famous,
May your reputation spread,
As the glorious friend of sinners
Who raises up the dead.

Your Kingdom, it is gentle:
You give to all who need,
You cradle the wick that smolders,
And brace the breaking reed.
We've watched you rule with kindness,
So we pray your Kingdom come,
With ever-expanding borders
Where your will is known and done.

We need not fill the storehouse,
But ask for daily bread:
We'll waste no time in worry;
Our Father will see we're fed.
We daily need your mercy
To be clothed in righteousness,
And we who've been forgiven
Respond with forgiveness.

O Father, do not lead us
Through tempting we can't bear,
But rescue us from evil,
From Satan's every snare.
For you have all the power;
The world belongs to you.
The credit, now and always,
Is rightfully your due.

Remarks *All are Seated.*

The Rt. Rev'd Neil Lebhar

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

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

2 CORINTHIANS 13: 14

The Blessing



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
How all thou needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,
Biddeth them cease,
Turneth their fury to peace,
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do triumph, all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth his light,
Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with his mercy surrounding.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen"
Sound from his people again,
Gladly forever adore him.





