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ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the Procession enters.

INTROIT

Choir Oculi omnium in te
sperant Domine:
et tu das illis escam
in tempore opportuno.

*The eyes of all wait
upon thee, O Lord;
and thou givest them
their meat in due season.*

Words: Psalm 145. 15

Music: Andrew Parnell (b. 1954)

Please remain standing as the Cantor and Choir sing:

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Cantor O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen.

Cantor Praise ye the Lord;
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Music: Paul Edwards (b. 1955)

The psalmody appointed for the evening is announced. Please sit as the choir sings:

34 I will always give thanks unto the Lord:
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord:
the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me:
and let us magnify his name together.

I sought the Lord and he heard me:
yea he delivered me out of all my fears.

They looked unto him and were made glad:
and their faces were not ashamed.

Here is a poor man who cried and the Lord heard him:
yea and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord dwelleth round about them that fear him:
and delivereth them in time of need.

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord ye that are his servants:
for they that fear him lack nothing.

They who trust in him do lack and suffer hunger:
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

Please stand.

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.

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Reader The First Reading is taken from the third chapter of the first book of the Samuel, beginning at the first verse:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he

told you.’ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, ‘It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.’

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

1 Samuel 3. 1-20

Here ends the First Reading.

MAGNIFICAT

Please stand:

Choir My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever.

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.

Words: Luke 1. 46

Music: The Magdalen College Service
Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Reader The Second Reading is taken from the fourteenth chapter of the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, beginning at the twelfth verse:

So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the church. Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What should I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also. Otherwise, if you say a blessing with the spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say the ‘Amen’ to your thanksgiving, since the outsider does not know what you are saying? For you may give thanks well enough, but the other person is not built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; rather, be infants in evil, but in thinking be adults.

1 Corinthians 14. 12-20

Here ends the Second Reading.

Please stand.

Choir 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 peoples. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy 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.

Words: Luke 2. 29

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please remain standing and face the High Altar:

All I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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 cantor and choir sing:

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

Please sit or kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

*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. Amen.*

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the King;
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people;
Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord;
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts, within us;
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Cantor Almighty and everliving God, whose power and glory are revealed in thy Son Jesus Christ: renew and strengthen us with thy grace, that we who worship thee in thy Church, may joyfully witness to thy glory in the world; through the same our saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Almighty God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir Amen.

Cantor Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Choir Amen.

ANTHEM

Choir Behold now, praise the Lord :
all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord :
even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary :
and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth :
give thee blessing out of Sion.

Words: Psalm 134

Music: William H. Harris (1883-1973)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers conclude with The Grace:

All 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.

HYMN

Please stand to sing the hymn, during which a collection will be taken for the ministry and mission of the Cathedral.



All The race that long in darkness pined
Has seen a glorious light:
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home.

To us a child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

His power increasing still shall spread,
His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.

Words: John Morison (1750-1798)
based on Isaiah 9: 2-7

Music: DUNDEE
Melody from the Scottish Psalter (1615)
as set in Ravenscroft's Psalter (1621)

Priest The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and the love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Cantor The Lord be with you:

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us bless the Lord:

Choir Thanks be to God.

Music: Edward Woodall Naylor (1867-1934)

Please remain standing as the Procession leaves the Cathedral.

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Risoluto *from Plymouth Suite*

Percy Whitlock (1903-46)

*The Organ Voluntary at the end of each service is part of the offering of our worship.
Please respect the stillness of those who wish to remain seated until it has ended.*