

Choral Evensong



Good Friday
29 March 2024

CHORAL EVENSONG

7:00 pm

The People stand as the hymn begins.

Hymn

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

The Hymnal 1982: No. 158

The opening sentences

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow which was brought upon me, whom the Lord hath afflicted. *Lamentations 1:12*

The Confession of Sin

The Officiant says to the people

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

The people kneel. Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The people stand.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

People

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

The people sit.

Psalm 40:1-14 (*sung by the choir*)

Antiphon

We have been sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

I waited patiently upon the LORD; *

he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *

he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God; *

many shall see, and stand in awe,

and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *

they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your plans for us! *

there is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
 but they are more than I can count.
 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
 (you have given me ears to hear you);
 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
 and so I said, "Behold, I come.
 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
 'I love to do your will, O my God;
 your law is deep in my heart.'"
 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
 behold, I did not restrain my lips;
 and that, O LORD, you know.
 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
 You are the LORD;
 do not withhold your compassion from me; *
 let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,
 For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me;
 my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see; *
 they are more in number than the hairs of my head,
 and my heart fails me.
 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; *
 O LORD, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Plainchant (Tone II.1)

Antiphon

We have been sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Psalm 54 *(sung by the choir)*

Antiphon

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

Save me, O God, by your Name; *
 in your might, defend my cause.
 Hear my prayer, O God; *
 give ear to the words of my mouth.
 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
 and the ruthless have sought my life, *
 those who have no regard for God.
 Behold, God is my helper; *
 it is the Lord who sustains my life.

Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O LORD, for it is good.
For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Plainchant (Tone I.2)

Antiphon

He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and he opened not his mouth.

The Lessons

The First Reading

A reading from the Book of Lamentations.

I am one who has seen affliction under the rod of God's wrath; he has driven and brought me into darkness without any light; against me alone he turns his hand, again and again, all day long. He has made my flesh and my skin waste away, and broken my bones; he has besieged and enveloped me with bitterness and tribulation; he has made me sit in darkness like the dead of long ago. He has walled me about so that I cannot escape; he has put heavy chains on me; though I call and cry for help, he shuts out my prayer; he has blocked my ways with hewn stones, he has made my paths crooked. The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Magnificat *(sung by the choir)*

The Truro Service: Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

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.

The People stand for the Gloria Patri.

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 People sit.

The Second Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 19:38-42 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Nunc dimittis *(sung by the choir)*

The Truro Service: Gabriel Jackson

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 people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

The People stand for the Gloria Patri.

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 Apostles' Creed

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.

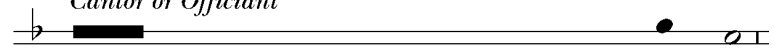
The Prayers

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>	<i>Officiant</i>
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The Lord be with you.	And also with you.	Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

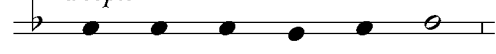
Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.

Cantor or Officiant



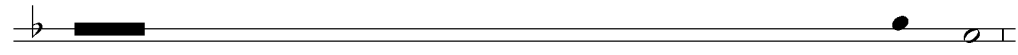
That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People

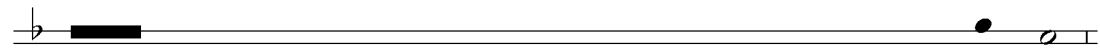


We en - treat you, O Lord.

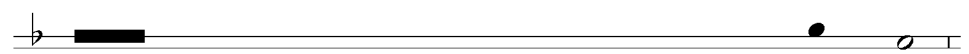
(This response is sung after each petition)



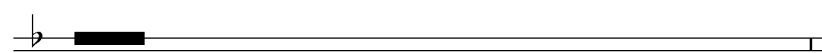
That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will,



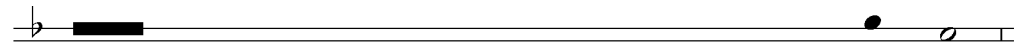
That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of - fen - ses,



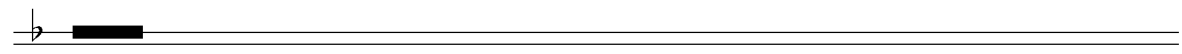
That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world,



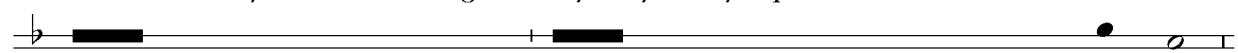
That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,



and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ,



That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the communion of



[_____ and] all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

The Collects

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The People sit.

The Anthem

Crux fidelis

Sarah MacDonald (b. 1968)

Crux fidelis [faithful cross].

Eclipse—at Midnight—
It was dark—before—
Sunset—at Easter—
Blindness—on the Dawn—
Faint Star of Bethlehem—
Gone down!

His harmless hands unto the cross they nailed,
Between two thieves, unpitied, unbewailed,
With sharpest pangs and terrors this appaled.
To know just how he suffered—would be dear—
To know if any Human eyes were near
To whom He could entrust his wavering gaze—
Until it settle broad on Paradise.

“Remember me,” implored the thief! Before—
Sunset—at Easter—
A Guest in Paradise!

—Emily Dickinson (1830-1886) & Emilia Lanier (1569-1645)

The People stand.


The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

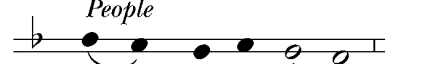
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may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

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

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

Hymn

O sacred head, sore wounded

Solo 1. O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed,
High voices 2. Thy beau - ty, long de - sir - ed,
Low voices 3. In thy most bit - ter pas - sion
High voices 4. What lan - guage shall I bor - row
All 5. My days are few, O fail - not,

1. - de - filed and put to scorn;
 2. - hath van - ished from our sight;
 3. - my heart to share doth cry,
 4. - to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 5. - with thine im - mor - tal power,

1. O king - ly head sur -
 2. thy power is all ex -
 3. with thee for my sal -
 4. for this thy dy - ing
 5. to hold me that I

1. round - ed with mock - ing
 2. pir - ed, and quenched the
 3. va - tion up - on the
 4. sor - row, thy pit - y
 5. quail not in death's most

1. crown of thorn; what
 2. light of light. Ah
 3. cross to die. Ah,
 4. with - out end? Oh,
 5. fear - ful hour; that

1. sor - row mars thy grand - eur? Can
 2. me! for whom thou di - est, hide
 3. keep my heart thus mov - ed to
 4. make me thine for - ev - er! and
 5. I may fight be - friend - ed, and

1. death thy bloom de - flower?
 2. not so far thy grace,
 3. stand thy cross be - neath,
 4. should I faint - ing be,
 5. see in my last strife

1. O coun - ten - ance whose splen - dor
 2. show me, O Love most high - est,
 3. to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed,
 4. Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er,
 5. to me thine arms ex - tend - ed

1. the hosts of heav'n a - dore!
 2. the bright - ness of thy face.
 3. yet thank thee for thy death.
 4. out - live my love for thee.
 5. up - on the cross of life.



Ministers

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Phil Hagner, *Usher*

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THE EASTER TRIDUUM



*Please join us at 7:00 pm tomorrow
for the continuation of the Triduum
(the Great Three Days),
the summit of the liturgical year,
as one service unfolds over three days,
beginning with Maundy Thursday
and ending at the Easter Vigil.
Bring a bell to ring when Christ
is proclaimed risen!*

*You are also invited to join us
as we continue celebrating on Easter Day
at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12:00 pm*

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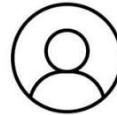
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