

**The Church of St. John the Divine**  
**Choral Evensong ■ Aug 2, 2020 ■ The 9th Sunday after Pentecost**

*We acknowledge these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.*

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Reader: Stephanie Wood

Music: Choral Scholars of the Church of St. John the Divine

*A note about language:*

*In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

**INTROIT** *Text: Song of Solomon Music: Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)*  
*(May not be sung; if so, the service starts with the Responses)*

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away, for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear upon the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come.

**THE RESPONSES** *Musical setting: DS*

*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.

**PSALM** *80.1-8*

**FIRST LESSON** *1 Kings 10.1-13*

**MAGNIFICAT** *Text: Luke 1:46-55 Music: Plainsong*

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 the 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.

**SECOND LESSON** *John 6.24-35*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** *Text: Matthew 5:1-12. Music: Plainsong*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; 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.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on 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 Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

## RESPONSES, LORD'S PRAYER, AND COLLECTS

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

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

*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 them that 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 Queen;

*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.

*First Collect, of the day:*

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Second Collect, for Peace:*

O 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 both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*Third Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

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. Amen.

**ANTHEM** *Text: from Psalm 4. Music: O. di Lasso (1532-1594)*

*Translation from the Latin:*

In peace and into the same I will sleep and rest, for you alone, Lord, have established me in hope.

## INTERCESSIONS

## BLESSING

## HYMN

*Text: J. Ellerton (1826-1893-93).*

*Music: ST. CLEMENT Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904).*

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended;  
the darkness falls at thy behest.  
To thee our morning hymns ascended;  
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank thee that thy church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world her watch is keeping,  
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
thy faithful 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
thy wondrous doings heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never,  
Like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
thy kingdom stands and grows for-ever,  
till all thy creatures own thy sway.