



2021-2022
evensong
at IPC • 4 p.m.

SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

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INTROIT – "If ye love me" Thomas Tallis
(ca. 1505-1585)
If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter. That he may bide with you forever: E'en the spirit of truth. *John 14:15-17*

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 477 – "Thy Mercy and Thy Truth, O Lord" TALLIS' ORDINAL

PRECES Thomas Tallis
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. 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.
Praise ye the Lord.

The people sit.

PSALM 19:7-14 Thomas Tallis

The people stand for the GLORIA.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is clear.

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

Keep back your servant also from the insolvent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you. O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

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 READING – Romans 8:9-17

MAGNIFICAT (Dorian Service).....Thomas Tallis

The people stand for the GLORIA.

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spir't 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 shewed 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 rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever. 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.

Luke 1:46-55

The people sit.

THE SECOND READING – John 14:15-17, 25-27

NUNC DIMITTIS (Dorian Service)..... Thomas Tallis

The people stand for the GLORIA and THE APOSTLE'S CREED.

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. 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.

Luke 2:29-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sung by All, monotone

Cantor

I BELIEVE in God

All

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.

The people sit.

THE RESPONSES.....Thomas Tallis

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.
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 State.

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.

COLLECTS

Almighty and merciful God, in your goodness keep us,
we pray, from all things that may hurt us,
that we, being ready both in mind and body,
may accomplish with free hearts those things which belong to your purpose;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peaceably governed by your providence;
and that your Church may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love,
that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness,
and minister your justice with compassion;
for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

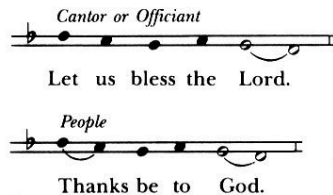
ANTHEM – "O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit" Thomas Tallis
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts, and lighten our understanding, that we may dwell in the
fear of thy name, all the days of our life: that we may know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ
whom thou hast sent. *Anonymous, from Lidley's Prayers (1566)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The people stand.

HYMN 675 – "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"TALLIS' CANON

THE BLESSING



CLOSING VOLUNTARY – "Master Tallis's Testament".....Herbert Howells
(1892-1983)

Announcements

ABOUT THE COMPOSERS: Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585) is considered one of England's greatest composers and occupies a primary place in English choral music. He served at the Royal Chapel as a composer and performer for Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, and Elizabeth I. He was capable of switching the style of his compositions, from Catholic to Anglican, to suit each monarch's demands. His most important student was William Byrd, who also served at the Royal Chapel.

Herbert Howells considered the organ work, "Master Tallis's Testament" (1940) to be one of his most "significant" works. It captures the essence of the 'Second English Renaissance' of (music of Howells, Vaughan Williams, Holst, etc.) with its seamless blending of sixteenth century modality and twentieth century sensuality. The work is essentially a set of gradual variations on the opening theme, each subsequent variation growing in intensity, complexity and volume. The tone of the piece at the beginning is that of a restrained pastoralism, with the modal G minor gently washing against the numerous 'Tudor' chromatic inflections. The work is certainly influenced by Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on a theme of Thomas Tallis," and carries the great man's (Tallis) music forward into a new dimension.

Announcements (continued)

A NOTE ABOUT EVENSONG: Evensong is the Service of Evening Prayer sung at the onset of evening to mark the close of the day with gratitude, and to compose the mind and renew the spirit for the coming week. The worship is truly ecumenical, drawing from traditions dating to the Fourth Century.

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. (Habakkuk 2:20)

Silence is a difficult find these days. Many of us are even discomforted by it. Yet, God is most noticeably discovered in silence. We join together in quiet meditation prior to the beginning of the service. In this centering, we listen for God speaking to us from within, a voice all-too-often lost in the complex world about us. In finding our center, we are seeking and finding God.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same my Name shall be great among the Gentiles, and in every place incense shall be offered unto my Name, and a pure offering: for my Name shall be great among the heathen. (Malachi 1:11)

The presence of incense is yet another aid to focus our meditation. It calls our attention to the fact that we are no longer in the outer world, but in a sacred space seeking our inner sacredness. It symbolizes the sacrifice of prayer and self to God. You are invited to use incense in your home to heighten your aural experience in this time of worship.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. (Psalm 96:1-2)

Music is another aid to focus our meditation. Allow the wash of sound to envelope you, the choir assisting in the meditation of your sense. Join with spiritual focus to the prayers and psalms offered. Join with voice to the Apostles' Creed, the prayers, and the Hymn. Here beauty in language and music can speak to us of God in a rich and diverse way. Within this hallowed space you may forget the ceaseless activity of daily life and be still.



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