



2022-2023

evensong
at IPC • 4 p.m.

SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022


4:00 P.M.

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Silence will be kept as you enter the sanctuary. A candle box is available in the front for anyone who wishes to light a candle in honor or memory of a loved one or as a prayer for healing and comfort. Lighting candles can be done at the beginning of the service before the Introit or later where indicated by the cross symbol †.

INTROIT – "Preserve us, O Lord"Healey Willan
(1880-1968)
Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may be with Christ,
and in peace may take our rest. *Compline Antiphon from the Sarum Gradual*

PROCESSION
The people stand for the PROCESSION and the PRECES.

PRECES.....Gabriel Jackson
(b.1962)
Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew 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.
The people sit.

ISAIAH 60:1 AND PSALM 117 – "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Is Come"Healey Willan
Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Alleluia!

† *A period of silence will be observed.*

THE FIRST LESSON – Psalm 36:5-10

MAGNIFICAT IN A.....Healey Willan

The people stand for the GLORIA.

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 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 LESSON – Poem from *Thirst* by Mary Oliver

NUNC DIMITTIS..... Healey Willan

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 SUFFRAGES Healey Willan

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, which art in heaven.... Amen.

Cantor O Lord, shew 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

O Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, fount of all wisdom, crown of all knowledge; give us eyes to see and minds to understand your marvelous works, that we may know you through your handiwork and use your creation to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Gracious God, grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

ANTHEM – "Rise up, my Love, my Fair One" Healey Willan

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; arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. *Song of Solomon 2*

✠ *A period of silence will be observed.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The people stand.

HYMN – "Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing to Thy Praise"..... ST. BASIL



1. E - ter - nal, un - chang - ing we sing to thy praise: thy
2. A - gain we re - joice in the world thou hast made, thy
3. We praise thee for Je - sus, our Mas - ter and Lord, the



mer - cies are end - less, and righ - teous thy ways; thy
might - y cre - a - tion in beau - ty ar - rayed; we
might of his Spir - it, the truth of his Word, his



ser - vants pro - claim the re - nown of thy name, who
thank thee for life, and we praise thee for joy, for
com - fort in sor - row, his pa - tience in pain, the



rul - est om - ni - po - tent, ev - er the same.
love and for hope that no pow'r can de - stroy.
faith sure and stead - fast that Je - sus shall reign.

◆ *The people are invited to remain for the closing voluntaries.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARIES

"Prelude on *St. Columba* (hymn 802)".....Healey Willan

"Prelude on *O Filii et Filiae* (hymn 235)".....Healey Willan

Announcements

THE NEXT SERVICE OF EVENSONG will be Sunday, October 30, 2022, at 4 p.m. This service will feature the music of Richard Webster, Roland Martin, Andrea Ramsey, and more sung by the women of the IPC Choir.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES begins Sunday, November 6, at 4 p.m. with a recital by Alcee Chris III from Middletown, Connecticut. The series continues with the following 4 p.m. recitals: November 13 featuring Ken Cowan from Houston, Texas; November 20 featuring Colin MacKnight from Little Rock, Arkansas; and November 27 featuring Theodore S. Davis ("Ted"), a Birmingham native from Baltimore, Maryland. All of the recitals are free and open to the public.

CHRIST THE KING HYMN FESTIVAL occurs Sunday, November 20, at our 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. morning worship services. This service highlights a festival of scripture and song for the last Sunday of the Christian year based upon the life of Christ and the Nicene Creed.

THE IPC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT takes place Sunday, December 12, at 4 p.m. A 15-piece guest brass orchestra will join the choir in performing John Rutter's *Gloria* and other works.

More information about the November Organ Recital Series and other events can be found at our website, ipcmusic.org

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.

Within this service, the presence of God can be experienced through all of the senses: sight, sound, smell, hearing, and touch. Candlelight is a powerful visual aid. A candle box is available in the front for anyone to light a candle in honor or memory of a loved one or as a prayer for healing and comfort. This can be done at the beginning, end, or during the periods of silence throughout the service.

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

Silence is difficult to 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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