



**Saint John's Episcopal Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma**

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
20 September 2020

Choral Evensong, Rite One
5:30 p.m.

Ministers of the Service

Samuel Krall
Officiant

Joseph Arndt
Choirmaster

Adam Pajan
Organist

Order of Service

Prelude

Prelude in C, BWV 547

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Officiant begins with a sentence from the scriptures.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him. *Psalm 96:9*

Preces

Adam Pajan (b.1986)

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 hast to help us.

Glory 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.

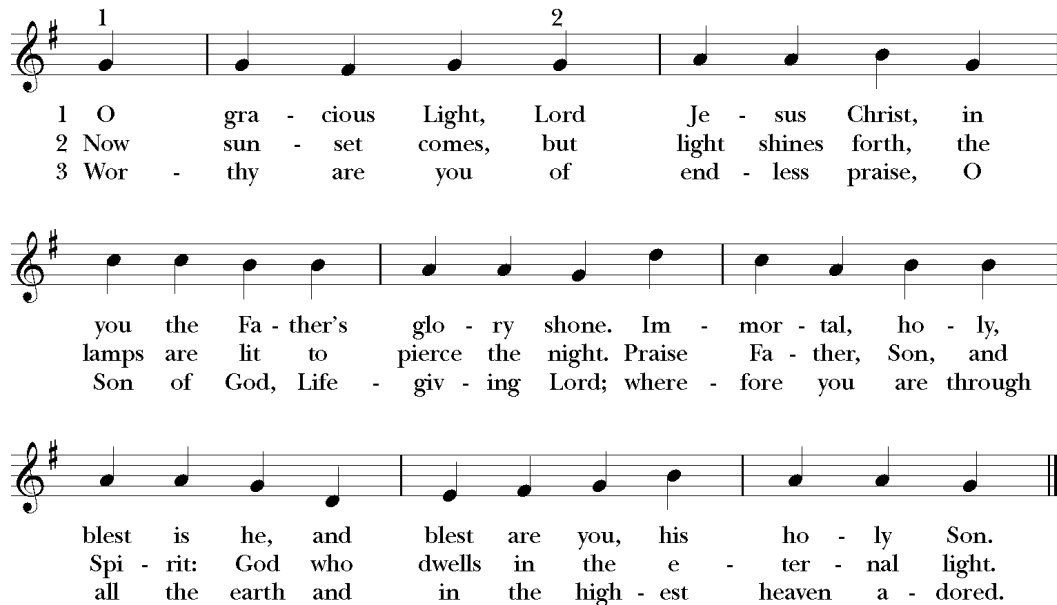
Cantor

Praise ye the Lord.

Choir

The Lord's name be praised.

Hymn 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at a distance of one measure.

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Psalm 34:1-8

Chant in E-flat

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
 - 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
 - 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
 - 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
 - 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
 - 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
 - 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
 - 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Esther 3:1-4:3

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the officials who were with him. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and did obeisance to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's command?" When they spoke to him day after day and he would not listen to them, they told Haman, in order to see whether Mordecai's words would avail; for he had told them that he was a Jew. When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow down or do obeisance to him, Haman was infuriated. But he thought it beneath him to lay hands on Mordecai alone. So, having been told who Mordecai's people were, Haman plotted to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur—which means "the lot"—before Haman for the day and for the month, and the lot fell on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar. Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and separated among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not appropriate for the king to tolerate them. If it pleases the king, let a decree be issued for their destruction, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, so that they may put it into the king's treasuries." So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews. The king said to Haman, "The money is given to you, and the people as well, to do with them as it seems good to you." Then the king's secretaries were summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month, and an edict, according to all that Haman commanded, was written to the king's satraps and to the governors over all the provinces and to the officials of all the peoples, to every province in its own script and every people in its own language; it was written in the name of King Ahasuerus and sealed with the king's ring. Letters were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation, calling on all the peoples to be ready for that day. The couriers went quickly by order of the king, and the decree was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Susa was thrown into confusion. When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Magnificat

St. Paul's Canticles

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

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 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.

The Second Lesson

James 1:19-27

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Nunc dimittis

St. Paul's Canticles

Herbert Howells

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.

The Apostles' Creed*Sung by all, monotone*

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

Adam Pajan

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.

The Lord's Prayer *Sung by all, monotone*

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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Responses

Adam Pajan

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Cantor O God, 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.

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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 Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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

Motet

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeilo (b.1978)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

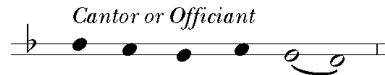
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness

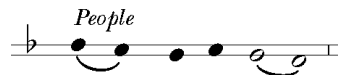
to us and to all men.
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee,
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant prays

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

Cantor or Officiant

 Let us bless the Lord.

People

 Thanks be to God.

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

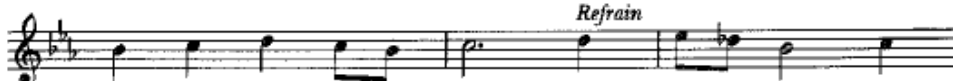
Hymn 557



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -
 *6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall
 *7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
 2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
 3 loud; while an - swer - ing ech - oes up - ward float, like
 4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
 5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till
 6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -
 7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the



1 cross of Christ your King.
 2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 wreaths of in - cense cloud. Ho - san - na, ho -
 4 glad - ness and in woe.
 5 dawns the gold - en day.
 6 ru - sa - lem the blest.
 7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

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 Descant: Adam Pajan

Postlude

Marche Triomphale

Walter Galpin Alcock (1861-1947)

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Livestream Service Schedule

In effect until further notice www.sjtulsa.org

Sundays

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite Two

5:30 p.m. Evensong, Rite One

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Monday-Saturday

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Rite One