



CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 3, 2021
AT 5:00 P.M.

Church of the Holy Comforter
Vienna, Virginia



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 22

Church of the Holy Comforter – Vienna, Virginia
Evening Prayer Rite II

October 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

*The liturgy follows the Book of Common Prayer, beginning at page 117.
Tonight's offering is designated for Music Events, which provides underwriting for
concerts and special music presentations at Holy Comforter.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY: "Silence may be kept." *from Rubrics*

The people stand as the procession enters the church.

Dan Locklair

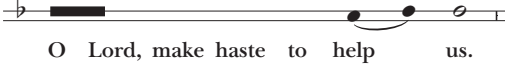
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THE PRECES, HYMNAL, S 58

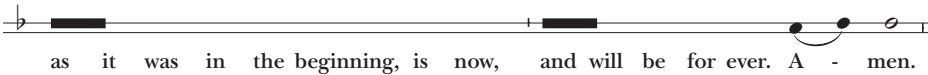
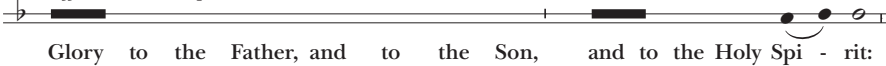
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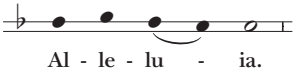
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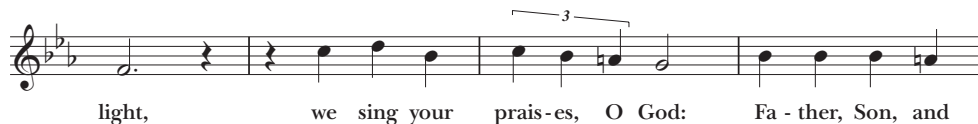
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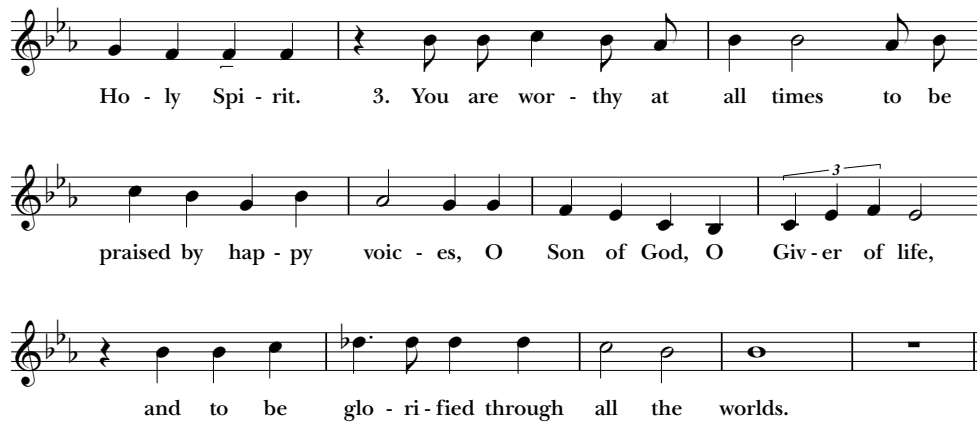


PHOS HILARON, HYMNAL, S 60

Sung by all.

Ronald Arnatt





Ho - ly Spi - rit. 3. You are wor - thy at all times to be
 praised by hap - py voi - ces, O Son of God, O Giv - er of life,
 and to be glo - ri - fied through all the worlds.

PSALM 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Joseph Barnby

Sung by the choir. The people are seated.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.
- 10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The LORD is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- 18 The LORD is righteous in all his ways *
and loving in all his works.

- 19 The LORD is near to those who call upon him, *
to all who call upon him faithfully.
- 20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; *
he hears their cry and helps them.
- 21 The LORD preserves all those who love him, *
but he destroys all the wicked.
- 22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; *
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Spirit:
- As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 20:1-21

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: "Remember now, O LORD, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight." Hezekiah wept bitterly. Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: "Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake." Then Isaiah said, "Bring a lump of figs. Let them take it and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover." Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?" Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: the shadow has now advanced ten intervals; shall it retreat ten intervals?" Hezekiah answered, "It is normal for the shadow to lengthen ten intervals; rather let the shadow retreat ten intervals." The prophet Isaiah cried to the LORD; and he brought the shadow back the ten intervals, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz. At that time King Merodach-baladan son of Baladan of Babylon sent envoys with letters and a present to Hezekiah, for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. Hezekiah welcomed them; he showed them all his treasure house, the silver, the gold, the spices, the precious oil, his armory, all that was found in his storehouses; there was nothing in his house or in all his realm that Hezekiah did not show them. Then the prophet Isaiah came to King Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did these men say? From where did they come to you?" Hezekiah answered, "They have come from a far country, from Babylon." He said, "What have they seen in your house?" Hezekiah answered, "They have seen all that is in my house; there is nothing in my storehouses that I did not show them." Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear the word of the LORD: Days are coming when all that is in your house, and that which your ancestors have stored up until this day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left, says the LORD. Some of your own sons who are born to you shall be taken away; they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon." Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word of the LORD that you have spoken is good." For he thought, "Why not, if there will be peace and security in my days?" The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, all his power, how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? Hezekiah slept with his ancestors; and his son Manasseh succeeded him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT: Evening Service in F Major
Sung by the choir. The people stand.

Harold Friedell

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.
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.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting." As soon as he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many had gathered and were praying. When he knocked at the outer gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. On recognizing Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the gate, she ran in and announced that Peter was standing at the gate. They said to her, "You are out of your mind!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." Meanwhile Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the gate, they saw him and were amazed. He motioned to them with his hand to be silent, and described for them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he added, "Tell this to James and to the believers." Then he left and went to another place.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS: Evening Service in F Major
Sung by the choir. The people stand.

Harold Friedell

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 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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED [Said by all, standing.]

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

SALUTATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER, HYMNAL, S 62

Officiant *People* *Officiant*



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

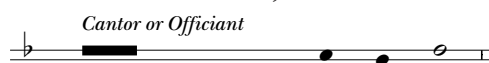
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Our Father, who art in heaven...ever. A - men.

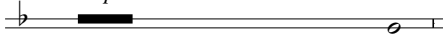
SUFFRAGES A, HYMNAL, S 52

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V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;

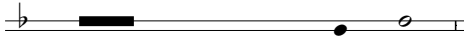
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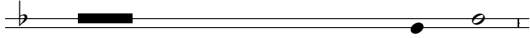
R. And grant us your salva - tion.



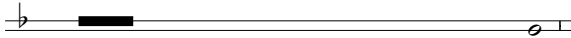
V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



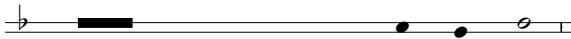
R. Let your people sing with joy.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



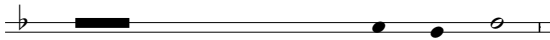
R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



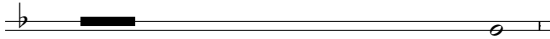
V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



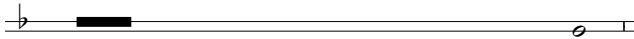
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



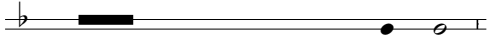
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

COLLECTS AND A PRAYER FOR MISSION

ANTHEM: "Behold now, praise the Lord"

Everett Titcomb

Sung by the choir. The people are seated.

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord.
Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *[Said by all, standing.]*

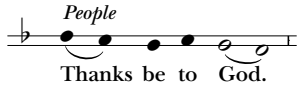
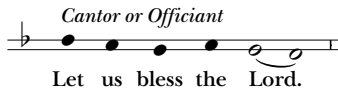
Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption 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.

HYMN 31 “Most Holy God, the Lord of heaven”

Dunedin

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE, HYMNAL, S 65



BLESSING [*The people respond,*]

Amen.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: Fugue in D Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

The people remain standing until the procession has left the church. If you would like to stay and hear the entire postlude, please feel free to move toward the front of the nave. You are invited to join us for a reception following the service.