



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lenten Choral Evensong

March 3, 2024

Prelude "Wondrous Love" from *Variations on a shape-note hymn op. 34*

Theme and 3 variations

Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

Hymn 31 "Most holy God, the Lord of heaven"

Dunedin

Opening Sentences

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.
All stand.

Preces

Daniel Hathaway

Sung by the choir.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste 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 will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn 25 "O gracious Light"

The Eighth Tune

Sung by all, in canon.

The People sit.

Psalm 34

Richard Farrant



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 encompasses¹those who¹fear him, *
and¹hē¹will de¹liver them.

8 Taste and see that the¹LORD is¹good; *
—¹happy are¹they who¹trust in him!

First Lesson: Genesis 44:1-17

Joseph commanded the steward of his house, 'Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put each man's money in the top of his sack. Put my cup, the silver cup, in the top of the sack of the youngest, with his money for the grain.' And he did as Joseph told him. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away with their donkeys. When they had gone only a short distance from the city, Joseph said to his steward, 'Go, follow after the men; and when you overtake them, say to them, "Why have you returned evil for good? Why have you stolen my silver cup? Is it not from this that my lord drinks? Does he not indeed use it for divination? You have done wrong in doing this."'

When he overtook them, he repeated these words to them. They said to him, 'Why does my lord speak such words as these? Far be it from your servants that they should do such a thing! Look, the money that we found at the top of our sacks, we brought back to you from the land of Canaan; why then would we steal silver or gold from your lord's house? Should it be found with any one of your servants, let him die; moreover, the rest of

us will become my lord's slaves." He said, "Even so; in accordance with your words, let it be: he with whom it is found shall become my slave, but the rest of you shall go free." Then each one quickly lowered his sack to the ground, and each opened his sack. He searched, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest, and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. At this they tore their clothes. Then each one loaded his donkey, and they returned to the city.

Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house while he was still there, and they fell to the ground before him. Joseph said to them, "What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that one such as I can practice divination?" And Judah said, "What can we say to my lord? What can we speak? How can we clear ourselves? God has found out the guilt of your servants; here we are then, my lord's slaves, both we and also the one in whose possession the cup has been found." But he said, "Far be it from me that I should do so! Only the one in whose possession the cup was found shall be my slave, but as for you, go up in peace to your father."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-10

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds

on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle *Nunc Dimittis in F Major*

George Dyson

*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.*

Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing, on a single tone

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.

The People sit.

Intro: *At the moment of death my strength is from heaven.*

Verse 1: *Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee! E'en though it be a cross, that raiseth me*

Verse 2: *There let the way appear, (At the moment of death my strength is from heaven.)*

Steps unto heav'n; (Direct us, O Lord.)

All that thou sendest me, (Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads.)

In mercy giv'n; (Such is the path to the stars.)

Pre-chorus: *Excelsior, excelsior, excelsior, excelsior*

Chorus: *Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to thee*

Nearer, my God, to thee, (Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads.)

Nearer to thee! (Such is the path to the stars.)

Verse 3: *Though like the wanderer, (At the moment of death my strength is from heaven.)*

The sun gone down, (God helping, nothing should be feared forever.)

Darkness be over me, (Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads.)

My rest a stone, (Such is the path to the stars.)

Pre-chorus: *Excelsior, excelsior, excelsior, excelsior*

Chorus: *Angels to beckon me, nearer, my God, to Thee*

Nearer, my God, to Thee, (Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads.)

Nearer to Thee. (Such is the path to the stars.)

Bridge: *Excelsior, excelsior, excelsior*

Verse 4: *Or if, on joyful wing (At the moment of death my strength is from heaven.)*

Cleaving the sky, (God helping, nothing should be feared forever.)

Sun, moon, and stars forgot, (Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads.)

Upward I fly. (Such is the path to the stars.)

Direct us, O Lord, to high places by narrow roads

Such is the path to the stars every upward.

Prayers

The People sit or kneel.

Responses, sung by the choir

Daniel Hathaway

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and Choir

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.

Suffrages

Daniel Hathaway

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for the Evening

Officiant O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Collect for Mission

Officiant 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.

The People sit.

Anthem *Grace Before Sleep*

Susan LaBarr (b. 1981)

text taken from a poem by Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

*How can our minds and bodies be
Grateful enough that we have spent
Here in this generous room,
This evening of content.
Each one of us has walked through storm*

*And fled the wolves along the road;
But here the hearth is wide and warm,
And for this shelter and this light
Accept, O Lord, our thanks tonight.*

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 ourselves 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 24 "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended"

St. Clement

Postlude "Wondrous Love"

Conclusion

Samuel Barber

We welcome and thank our guest organist, Thomas Handel.

Please join us for a reception following the service.
Special thanks to Wendy Haering and Margaret Zusky
for coordinating the reception.



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