

Choral Evensong March 1, 2020

Prelude Moderately Fast; Lively (Sonata I)

Paul Hindemith

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.

Praise ye the Lord.

Hymn 25 "O gracious Light"

The Eighth Tune

Sung by all, in canon.

The People sit.

Psalm 46

Richard Farrant



- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, * the holy habi tation of the Möst High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be over thrown; * God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; * God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a way.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, * what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
 he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
 and burns the shields with fire.
- I will be exalted among the nations;

 I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the be¹ginning, is¹now, * and will be for ever. Almen. [Ant.]

First Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle Magnificat in F Major

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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: Luke 8:22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And

he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

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.

Anthem Lass Dich nur nichts nicht trauren

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

text taken from a poem by Paul Fleming (1609-1640)

Let nothing (cause) you regrets and sorrows.

Stay unperturbed.

As God wills, be content, my desire.

Why do you wish to worry today about tomorrow?

The One stands for (us) all,

And gives you, too, what is yours.

In all your dealings, simply stand steadfast, without wavering.

That (which) God decides

Is, and is known (to be), the best. Amen.

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.

- V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us;
- R. And grant us thy salvation.
- V. O Lord, save the State.
- R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
- V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
- R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
- V. O Lord, save thy people.
- R. And bless thine inheritance.
- V. Give peace, in our time, O Lord.
- R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us. But only thou, O God.
- V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
- R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Officiant

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 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.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude O World, I Now Must Leave Thee

St. Clement

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

We welcome 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.

