TRINITY CATHEDRAL
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Choral Evensong

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Welcome to this service. Evensong hangs on the wall of English life like an old, familiar cloak passed through the generations. Rich with prayer and scripture, it is nevertheless totally nonthreatening. It is a service into which all can stumble without censure––a rambling old house where everyone can find some corner to sit and think, to listen with half-attention, trailing a few absentminded fingers of faith or doubt in its passing stream. Most religious celebrations gather us around a table of some sort. They hand us a book or a plate, or speak a word of demanding response. They want to 'touch' us. Choral Evensong is a liturgical expression of Christ's *Nolle me tangere* –– 'Do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to my Father' (St. John 20:17). It reminds us that thresholds can be powerful places of contemplation; and that leaving someone alone with their thoughts is not always denying them hospitality or welcome. Please join in the parts of the service printed in bold type. *Stephen Hough*

The service begins with an organ prelude. Please stand when the choir and clergy enter the Cathedral.

Opening Preces - *Sung by the choir*

Office Hymn - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

The congregation may be seated and remain seated until the prayers.

Psalm - *Sung by the choir*

First Lesson

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Magnificat

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. *Gloria.*

Second Lesson

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Nunc Dimittis

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. *Gloria*

Please stand.

Apostle's Creed - *Spoken by all*

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 power of 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, Lord's Prayer, and Collects - *Sung by the choir*

Please be seated.

Greeting

Anthem

After the anthem, please stand or kneel.

Spoken Prayers *Everyone joins on one of the following prayers:*

1) A General Thanksgiving

God 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.

2) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. Amen.

3) Night Prayer (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

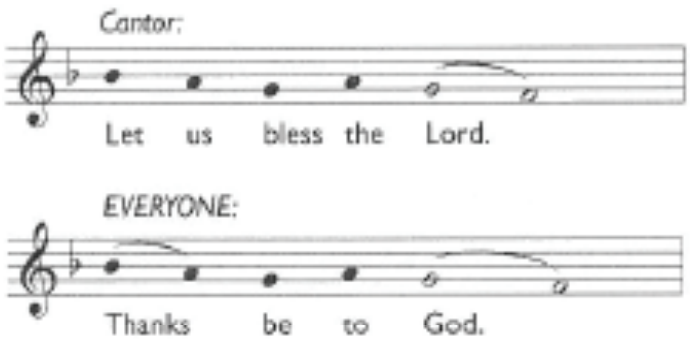
4) A Thanksgiving (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Dear God, thank you for all that is good, for our creation and our humanity, for the stewardship you have given us of this planet earth, for the gifts of life and of one another, for your love which is unbounded and eternal. O most holy and beloved, our Companion, our Guide upon the way, our bright evening star. Amen.

5) Collect (John Donne)

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven. To enter into that gate and dwell in that house where there shall be no darkness or dazzling, but one equal light; no noise or silence, but one equal music; no fears, nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Concluding Versicle and Response



Blessing

Hymn - *Sung by everyone from the insert*

Organ Voluntary

Please remain standing while the choir and clergy leave the Cathedral.

Please return this leaflet. It will be re-used for the next Choral Evensong service.

CHORAL EVENSONG AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL
Cleveland, Ohio
December 2023

December 6	**Nicholas, Bishop of Myra**
Choir	Trinity Cathedral Choir
Homilist	The Rev. Peter Faass
Introit	Advent Prose
Hymns	232 (with stanza 2), 54
Responses	Craig Phillips (b. 1961)
Psalm	145:8-13
Service	Judith Eckelmeyer: Trinity Hodie Service
Anthem	E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come – Paul Manz (1919-2009)

December 13	**Lucy of Syracuse**
Choir	Trinity Chamber Singers
Homilist	The Rev. Rosalind Hughes
Hymns	60, 24
Responses	Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)
Psalm	131
Service	Charles Villiers Stanford in G (1852-1924)
Anthem	The Lord will Surely Come – Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

Evensong will return on Wednesday, 7 February 2024.

Upcoming events at Trinity Cathedral:

Wednesday, 13 December, 12PM Messiah Sing
We hope you will join us to make up the choir for Handel's beloved oratorio! If you have a score at home, please bring it with you when you come.

Sunday, 24 December, 10AM Choral Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, 24 December, 5PM Family Eucharist and Pageant

Sunday, 24 December, 10PM Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist
Musical prelude begins at 9:30PM.

Saturday, 30 December, 2PM & 4:30PM Boar's Head Festival
Visit boarsheadcleveland.org for more information on being part of this holiday favorite.

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Anthems

6 December: E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come – Paul Manz

Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

The writing of this anthem came at a time of great stress in the Manz household. John Manz, the three-year-old son of Paul and Ruth Manz, developed a rare type of double pneumonia. The illness produced a very high fever, which required hospitalization and painful treatments to lower his temperature. It became important for Paul and Ruth to give twenty-four hour attention as John's condition became critical. During this time Paul composed a motif and Ruth wrote a text based on the last chapter of Revelation as a way of expressing their hope and grief. John recovered and later became a Pastor in the Lutheran Church. The original dedication of the piece read, "For those who prayed for John," but the dedication was later shortened to read, "To John."

13 December: The Lord will Surely Come – Gerre Hancock
Kyrie eleison. The Lord will surely come and not delay, and He will bring to light the things hidden in darkness. The Lord will surely come, and will manifest Himself to all nations. Kyrie eleison. Therefore work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish.