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"Ascension" by Laila Shawa

Choral Evensong
Evensong for Ascension
June 1, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Welcome to St. James Cathedral

Whether you are visiting or are a regular worshipper, you're not just welcome at St. James – you belong! This booklet contains everything you need to worship with us today. If you would like to learn about the mission and ministry of the cathedral, please complete one of the visitor cards available in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

This service is from the 1662 English Book of Common Prayer, which is the basis of Evensong liturgies in the Anglican and Episcopal family ever since. Thomas Cranmer sought to simplify the daily pattern of prayer by creating Evensong out of Vespers and Compline. The high-point of the service are the two canticles which celebrate Christ's Incarnation: Mary's song of joy we call the *Magnificat*, and Simeon's song of revelation we call the *Nunc Dimittis*.

Unlike celebrations of Holy Communion, Evensong does not involve much congregational participation. You are invited to stand, kneel, or sit where indicated. Above all, make space to allow the beauty of spoken and sung scripture to bring you closer to God.

Whether you are a committed follower of Christ, an occasional visitor who appreciates our programming, or fall somewhere in between, we are happy you chose to worship with us today. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you connect with this vibrant and historic community!

The Very Rev. Lisa Hackney-James, *Dean of the Cathedral*

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Gathering

VOLUNTARY

Fugue in A-Flat Minor

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

INTROIT

William Byrd (1540-1623)

Non vos relinquam orphanos. Alleluia.

Vado, et venio ad vos. Alleluia.

Et gaudebit, cor vestrum. Alleluia.

I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.

I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia.

And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.

– Text from John 14:18, 16:22

Please stand.

PRECES & RESPONSES on a Theme of Leo Sowerby

Stephen Buzard (b. 1989)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Choir As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

The Dean introduces the service and welcomes the congregation.

Please be seated.

PSALM 46

Martin Luther (1483-1546)

God is our hope and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell,
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.
There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God;
the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.
God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed;
God shall help her, and that right early.
The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved;
but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord,
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world;
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still then, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.
*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.*

FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Ezekiel. (3:16-27)

At the end of seven days, the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, I have made you a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die," and you give them no warning and do not speak to warn the wicked from their wicked way in order to save their lives, those wicked persons shall die for their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their wicked way, they shall die for their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Again, if the righteous turn from their righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumbling block before them, they shall die; because you have not

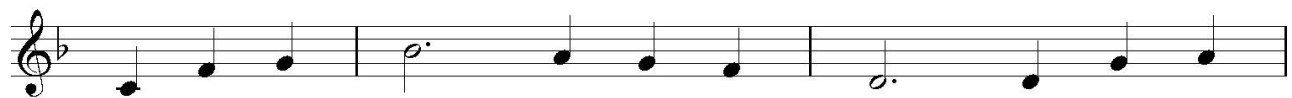
warned them, they shall die for their sin, and their righteous deeds that they have done shall not be remembered, but their blood I will require at your hand. If, however, you warn the righteous not to sin and they do not sin, they shall surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved your life.

Then the hand of the Lord was upon me there, and he said to me, "Rise up, go out into the valley, and there I will speak with you." So I rose up and went out into the valley, and the glory of the Lord stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell on my face. The spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and he spoke with me and said to me: "Go, shut yourself inside your house. As for you, mortal, cords shall be placed on you, and you shall be bound with them so that you cannot go out among the people, and I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth so that you shall be speechless and unable to reprove them, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God'; let those who will hear, hear, and let those who refuse to hear, refuse, for they are a rebellious house."

Please stand.

OFFICE HYMN

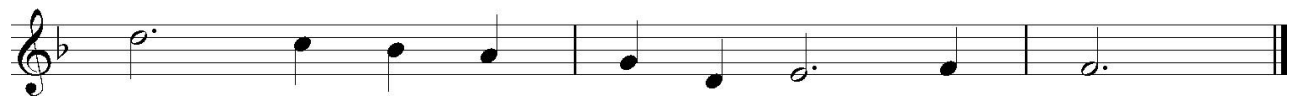
Hymnal 31



1 Most Ho - ly God, the Lord of heaven, who in the
 2 for you the daz - zling star shines forth which in its
 3 The day de - parts, the eve - ning stars se - rene - ly
 4 You, Ho - ly One, Cre - a - tor, Lord, you in the
 5 Like sun and day, shine in our hearts; like moon and



1 high arched sky has placed the sun that flames up from the
 2 gleam - ing path de - clares the won - ders of your glo - rious
 3 light the dark - ening sky; the moon with cool re - flect - ed
 4 pri - mal world once set the bound - aries of the day and
 5 night, give lov - ing peace. Free us from bonds of blind - ing



1 east and brings the splen - dors of the dawn:
 2 power, and beck - ons us to wor - ship you.
 3 glow will bring the si - lenc - es of night.
 4 night and or - dered sea - sons in their round.
 5 sin and guide us on our path to you.

Words: Latin; tr. Ann K. LeCroy (1930-2016)

Music: *Dunedin*, Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)

Please remain standing.

MAGNIFICAT from *King's College Service*

Joanna Forbes l'Estrange (b. 1971)

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 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.

Please be seated.

SECOND READING

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew. (10:24-33, 40-42)

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS from *from King's College Service*

l'Estrange

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.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

Buzard

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Please kneel.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

<i>Officiant</i>	Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
<i>Choir</i>	And make thy chosen people joyful.
<i>Officiant</i>	O Lord, save thy people.
<i>Choir</i>	And bless thine inheritance.
<i>Officiant</i>	Give peace in our time, O Lord.
<i>Choir</i>	Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
<i>Officiant</i>	O God, make clean our hearts within us.
<i>Choir</i>	And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

<i>Officiant</i>	O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
<i>Choir</i>	Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

<i>Officiant</i>	O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness: through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
<i>Choir</i>	Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

<i>Officiant</i>	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.
<i>Choir</i>	Amen.

Please be seated.

ANTHEM

Gerald Finzi (1901-1956)

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly
In flakes of glory down, him to attend,
And hear heart-cramping notes of melody
Surround his chariot as it did ascend:
Mixing their music, making ev'ry string
More to enravish, as they this tune sing.

– Text by Edward Taylor (1646-1729)

Please kneel.

PRAYERS

Please stand.

HYMN

Hymnal 219

1 The Lord a - scend - eth up on high, the Lord hath tri - umphed
2 The heavens with joy re - ceive their Lord, by saints, by an - gel
3 Our great High Priest hath gone be - fore, up - on his Church his

glo - rious - ly, in power and might ex - cel - ling;
hosts a - dored; O day of ex - ul - ta - tion!
grace to pour; and still his love he giv - eth.

the grave and hell are cap - tive led. Lo! he re -
O earth, a - dore thy glo - rious King! His ris - ing,
O may our hearts to him a - scend; may all with -

turns, our glo - rious Head, to his e - ter - nal dwell - ing.
his as - cen - sion sing with grate - ful a - dor - a - tion!
in us up - ward tend to him who ev - er liv - eth!

Words: Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874), alt.


Music: Ach herr, du allerhöchster Gott, Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)



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OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 221



1 O Lord Most High, eter - nal King, by
2 A - scend - ing to the Fa - ther's throne, thou
3 Be thou our joy, O Might - y Lord, as
4 O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, all

thee re - deemed thy praise we sing. The bonds of
claim'st the king - dom as thine own; and an - gels
thou wilt be our great re - ward; let all our
praise to thee let earth ac - cord, who art, while

death are burst by thee, and grace has won the
won - der when they see how changed is our hu -
glo - ry be in thee both now and through e -
end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with

After stanza 4

vic - to - ry.
man - i - ty.
ter - ni - ty.
Spi - rit, One. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Medieval Latin; sts. 103, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)
Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)

BLESSING

The Dean prays for God's blessing on the gathered people.

The choir sings

PSALM 150

George Surtees Talbot (1875–1918)

O praise God in his holiness:

praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts:

praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet:

praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances:

praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals:

praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath:

praise the Lord.

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.

VOLUNTARY

Please join us for a festive reception in Kyle's Place following the service.



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	9 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family</i>)	Cathedral
	11 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (<i>Choral</i>)	Cathedral
		Live-Stream Service (<i>see enews, website, or YouTube</i>)	
FIRST SUNDAYS	4 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Oct–June</i>)	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	9 a.m.	Morning Prayer (<i>see enews, or website</i>)	Zoom
	12:10 p.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
	5:45 p.m.	Choral Evensong (<i>Wednesdays, Sept–June</i>)	Cathedral

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