

# St James Cathedral

CHICAGO



*"Sky Above Clouds IV" by Georgia O'Keefe*

Choral Evensong  
Ascension Day  
May 21, 2020

*The choir sings*

**PRECES**

Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)

*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.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

*The choir sings*

**PSALM 93**

George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887)

The Lord is King;  
he has put on splendid apparel;  
    the Lord has put on his apparel  
    and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure  
    that it cannot be moved;

Ever since the world began,  
your throne has been established;  
    you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord,  
the waters have lifted up their voice;  
    the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
    mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
    for ever and for evermore.

## FIRST READING

A Reading from the Book of Daniel (7:9-18).

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the noise of the arrogant words that the horn was speaking. And as I watched, the beast was put to death, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

*Read by David Briere*

*The choir sings*

**MAGNIFICAT** from *Evening Service in C*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

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.

## SECOND READING

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:1-11)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

*Read by Lieve Buzard*

*The choir sings*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** from *Evening Service in C*

Stanford

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

Ayleward

- Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.  
*Choir* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.
- Choir* Our Father which in heaven art, Lord hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, even as the same in heaven is. Give us (O Lord) our daily bread this day. As we forgive our debtors, so forgive our debts we pray. Into temptation lead us not. From evil make us free. For kingdom, power and glory thine both now and ever be. 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.
- Officiant* Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
*Choir* And make thy chosen people joyful.
- Officiant* O Lord, save thy people.  
*Choir* And bless thine inheritance.
- Officiant* Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
*Choir* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
- Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Choir* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe they only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

*Choir* Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Officiant* 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.

*Choir* Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

*Officiant* 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.

*Choir* Amen.

## ANTHEM

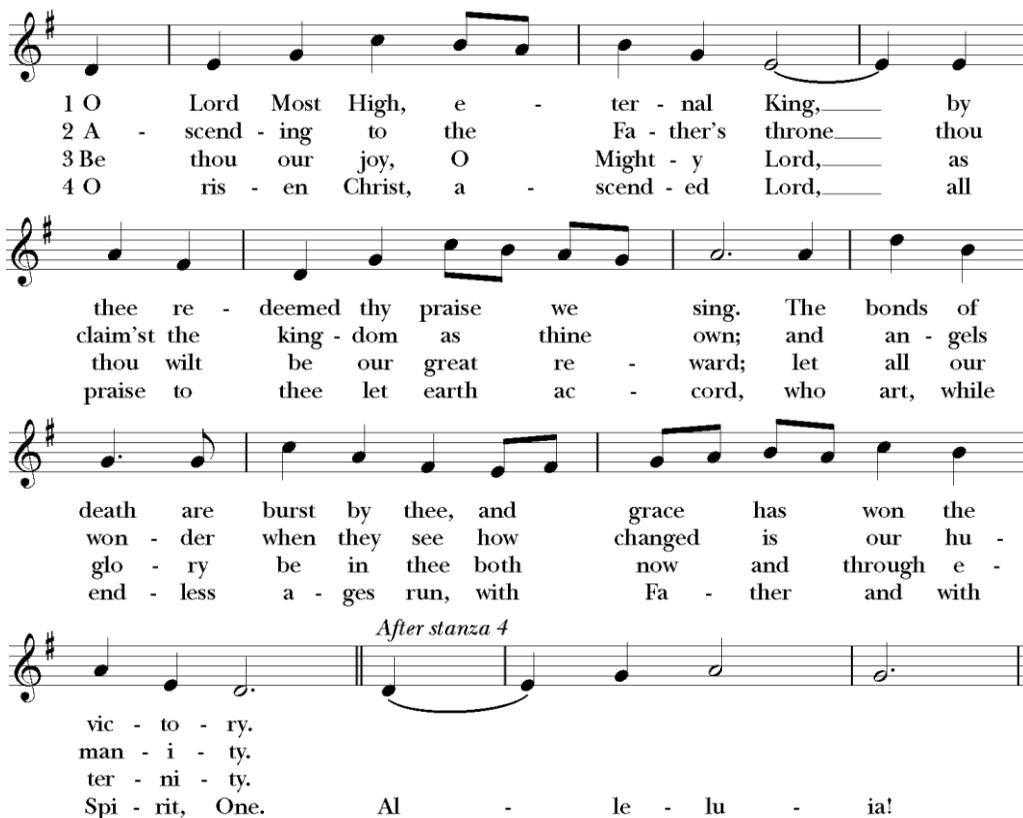
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible. He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God; sing praises. Sing praises to our King; sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth. Sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen. God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Sing praises unto our King. Sing praises.

- Psalm 47

## PRAYERS

*The Sub-Dean offers prayers for the Church and for the world.*



1 O Lord Most High, e - ter - 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. 1-3, tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); st. 4, tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885)

Music: *Gonfalon Royal*, Percy Carter Buck (1871-1947)



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in  
 2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the  
 3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his  
 grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and  
 God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!  
 Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
 plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful  
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is  
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals  
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger  
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in



high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.  
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.  
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710;  
 harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

## BLESSING

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

*The Organ Scholar plays*

## VOLUNTARY

*Joie et clarté des Corps Glorieux*

Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

“Then shall the righteous shine as the sun in their Father's kingdom”

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## MUSIC NOTE

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*The hymns, psalm, and anthem were recorded at last year's Ascension Day service. The Stanford Evening Service and Ayleward Responses were recorded virtually. Richard Hoskins recorded the organ accompaniment to the Stanford at St. Chrysostom's Episcopal Church. The voluntary was recorded in concert at Christ Episcopal Church in Tacoma, WA on August 8, 2015 (used by permission).*

A recording of this service is available at [www.SaintJamesCathedral.org](http://www.SaintJamesCathedral.org) and SoundCloud. The service was led by the cathedral clergy, with music provided by members of the cathedral choir and music staff. The broadcast was edited by Paul Bieschke and produced by Robert Black.

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