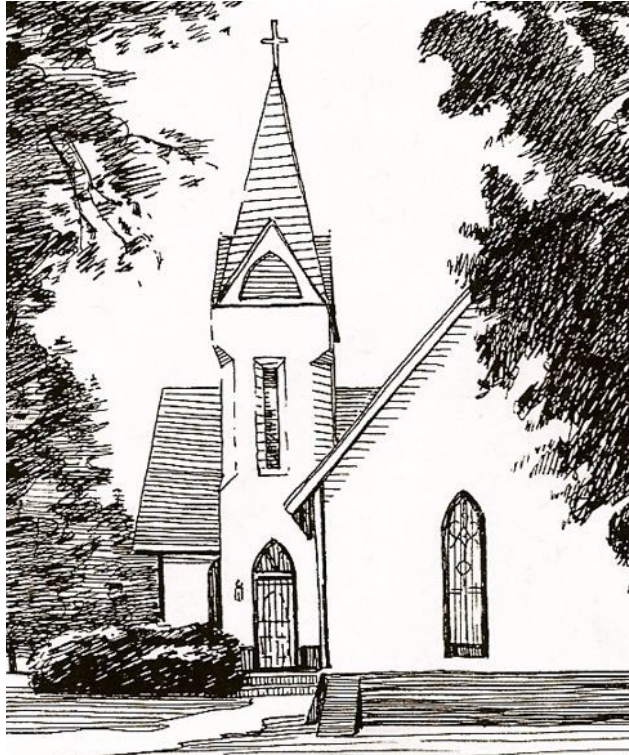


ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH



CHORISTER EVENSONG

Monday, February 24, 2025
5:45 p.m.



An Order for Evening Prayer (Rite II)

February 24, 2025
5:45 p.m.
St. Matthias the Apostle

The People stand as they are able as the Choir enters.

Introit

The Light of Christ

John Bell

*The light of Christ be yours today,
the light of Christ shine on your way;
and for more light for you we pray
to lead you on, to see you through.*

Officiant Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will no walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

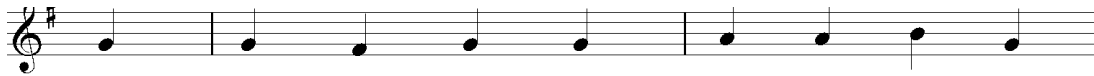
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Phos hilaron.

Phos hilaron

O gracious Light

Tallis' Canon



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

The People are seated.

- 1 O God, who may dwell in your tabernacle; *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, *
who speak truthfully from the heart?
- 3 There is no guile upon their tongues;
they do not evil to their friends; *
they do not heap contempt upon their neighbors.
- 4 In their sight the wicked are rejected, *
but they honor those who fear God.
- 5 They have sworn to do nothing wrong *
and do not take back their word.
- 6 They do not give their money in hope of gain, *
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Lessons

First Lesson

Acts 1:15-26

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ‘For it is written in the book of Psalms, “Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it”; And “Let another take his position of overseer.” So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children 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

John 15:1, 6-16

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Song of Simeon (said in unison)

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your 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.

The People stand as they are able for the Creed.

Apostles' Creed *(said in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The People may kneel or remain standing as able.

People **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. Amen.**

Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your 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 your Holy Spirit.

Collects

Officiant Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided and governed by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

People **Amen.**

Officiant Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

People **Amen.**

General Thanksgiving

Officiant Almighty God, Father 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 ourselves 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.

People **Amen.**

The People may be seated as the Choir sings the Anthem.

Anthem *(sung by the choir)* All the earth sing forth J.S. Bach

*All the earth sing forth, give praise to the Lord forever.
 Every voice, sing, rejoice. sing your praise to the Lord forevermore.
 Shout your praise to the Lord, lift up your hearts rejoicing.
 Shout your praise to the Lord, your joyful songs be voicing.
 Shout and sing your joyful praise forevermore.*

The People stand as they are able.

Blessing

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

People **Amen.**

Hymn

O gladsome Light

Le Cantique de Siméon

1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face,
2 Now, ere day fad-eth quite, we see the eve-ning light,
3 To thee of right be-longs all praise of ho-ly songs,
the e-ter-nal splen-dor wear-ing; ce-les-tial, ho-ly, blest,
our wont-ed hymn out-pour-ing; Fa-ther of might un-known,
O Son of God, Life-giv-er; thee, there-fore, O Most High,
our Sa-vior Je-sus Christ, joy-ful in thine ap-pear-ing.
thee, his in-car-nate Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit a-dor-ing.
the world doth glo-ri-fy, and shall ex-alt for ev-er.

*After the Choristers depart the sanctuary, all are welcome to attend
Faith & Fellowship dinner in the Parish Hall.*

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, *Rector*
The Rev. Patti Sachs, *Associate Rector*
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