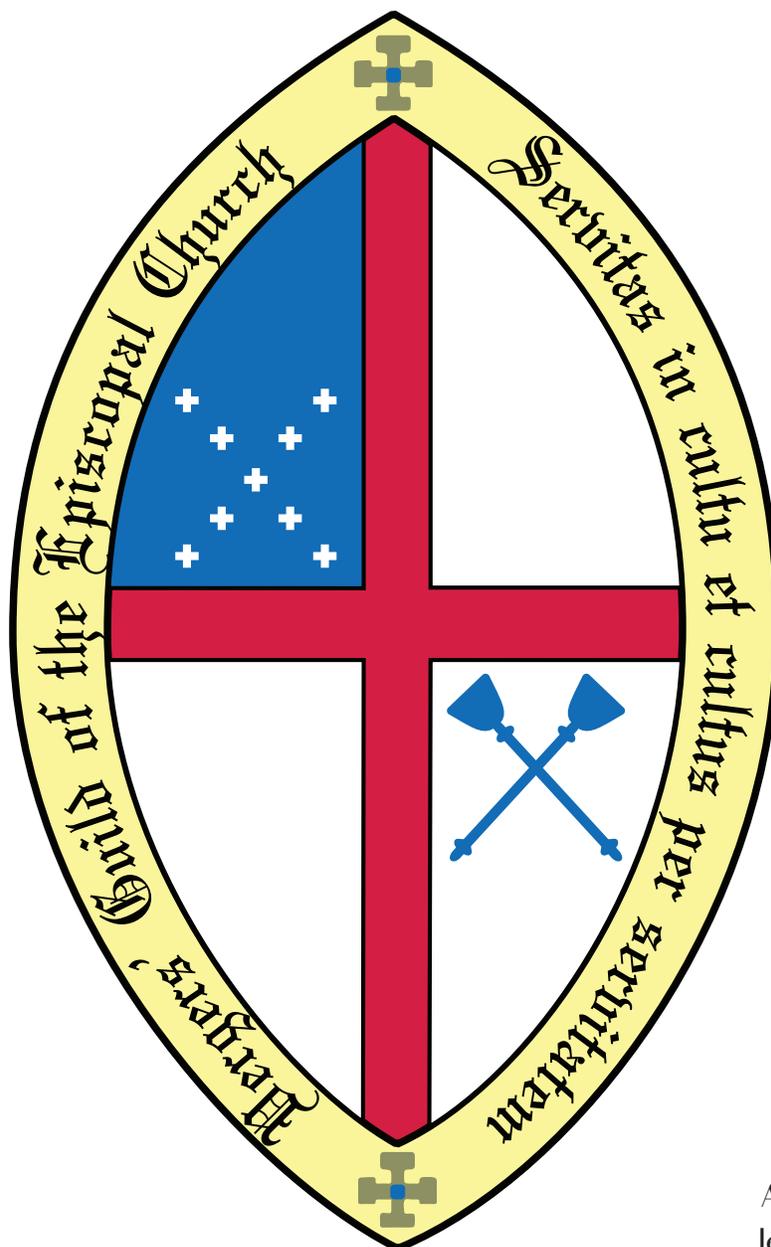


The Chapel of All Saints
Camp Allen
Navasota, Texas

31st Annual Conference of the
Vergers Guild of the Episcopal Church

Opening Congregational Evensong

Thursday, October 24, 2019, 5:00pm



Almighty, everlasting God,
let our prayer in your sight
be as incense,
the lifting up of our hands
as the evening sacrifice.

Psalm 141:2

Welcome to the Chapel of All Saints

Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Everyone is welcome, and everyone's voice is needed to tell the Good News of God's love in Christ. Please help others find a place near you, and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together.



Welcome

The Officiant welcomes the congregation.

Prayer for Light

BCP p. 110

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Preces

Hymnal S 58

Officiant
O God, make speed to save us.

All
O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.
Al - le - lu - ia.

O Gracious Light

Hymnal 25

Sung by all.



O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in
Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the
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.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*
Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

The Psalm

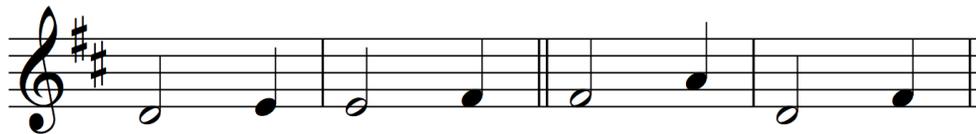
Psalm 37:19-22, 24-25, 28-29, 39, 42

BCP p. 634

Officiant Let us sing from Psalm 37.

The Cantor sings the first two verses and then the People join as indicated.

Change notes as indicated by underlined text and asterisks.



Cantor The LORD cares for the lives of the godly,*
and their inheritance shall last for ever.

They shall not be ashamed in bad times,*
and in days of famine they shall have e-nough.

All As for the wicked, they shall perish,*
and the enemies of the LORD, like the glory of the meadows,
shall vanish; they shall vanish like smoke.

The wicked borrow and do not re-pay,*
but the righteous are generous in giving.

The Psalm continues on the next page.



All Our steps are directed by the LORD; *
he strengthens those in whose way he de-lights.
If they stumble, they shall not fall headlong, *
for the LORD holds them by the hand.
Turn from evil, and do good, *
and dwell in the land for ever.
For the LORD loves justice; *
he does not forsake his faithful ones.
Mark those who are honest; observe the upright; *
for there is a future for the peaceable.
The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

After the Psalm, all sing

All 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. A-men.

Music: Jerome Webster Meachen (1930-2015)

The First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 10:1-10

Please be seated.

The Officiant invites a volunteer to read.

Reader A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus.

A wise magistrate educates his people, and the rule of an intelligent person is well ordered. As the people's judge is, so are his officials; as the ruler of the city is, so are all its inhabitants. An undisciplined king ruins his people, but a city becomes fit to live in through the understanding of its rulers. The government of the earth is in the hand of the Lord, and over it he will raise up the right leader for the time. Human success is in the hand of the Lord, and it is he who confers honor upon the lawgiver.

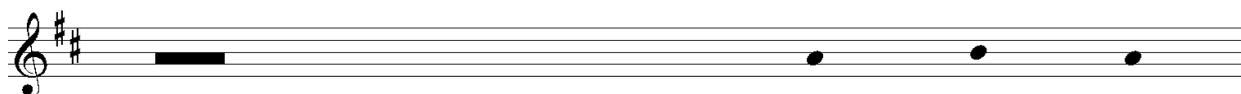
Do not get angry with your neighbor for every injury, and do not resort to acts of insolence. Arrogance is hateful to the Lord and to mortals, and injustice is outrageous to both. Sovereignty passes from nation to nation on account of injustice and insolence and wealth. How can dust and ashes be proud? Even in life the human body decays. A long illness baffles the physician; the king of today will die tomorrow.

Here ends the Reading.

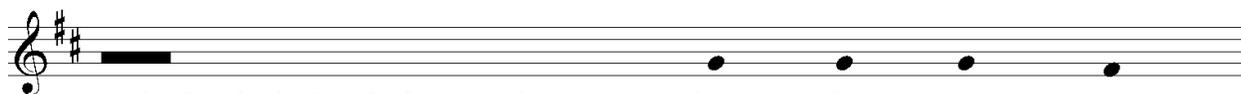
The Song of Mary

Hymnal S 247, adapted

Please stand as you are able. The Cantor sings the first verse and then the People join.



CANTOR	1	My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,						
		my spirit rejoices in.	.	.	.	God	my	Savior;
ALL	2	From this day all generations will				call	me	blessed:
	3	He has mercy on				those	who	fear him
	4	He has shown the	.	.	.	strength of	his	arm,
	5	He has cast down the mighty				from	their	thrones,
	6	He has filled the hungry with				good	—	things,
	7	He has come to the help of his	.	.	.	ser - vant	Israel,	
	8	The promise he made				to	our	fathers,
	9	Glory to the Father, and				to	the	Son,
	10	As it was in the be -	.	.	.	ginning,	is	now,



CANTOR	1	for he has looked with favor on his				low - ly	ser - vant.
ALL	2	the Almighty has done great things for me, and				holy	is his Name.
	3	in				every	gen - er - ation.
	4	he has scattered the	.	.	.	proud in	their con - ceit.
	5	and has				lifted up	the lowly.
	6	and the rich he has				sent a - way	empty.
	7	for he has remembered his	.	.	.	prom - ise	of mercy,
	8	to Abraham and his				chil - dren	for ever.
	9	and				to the	Ho - ly Spirit:
	10	and will be for	.	.	.	ev - er.	A - men.

Words: *Magnificat*, Canticle 15, based on Luke 1:46-56; Music: Janet Yieh (b. 1992)

The Second Reading

Matthew 12:15-21

Please be seated.

The Officiant invites a volunteer to read.

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

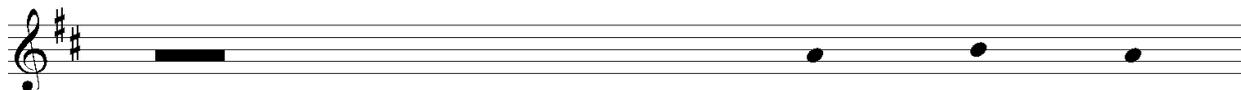
When Jesus became aware of the Pharisees conspiring against him, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Here ends the Reading.

The Song of Simeon

Hymnal S 247, adapted

Please stand as you are able. The Cantor sings the first verse and then the People join.



CANTOR	1	Lord, you now have set your . . . ser - vant free
ALL	2	For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
	3	A Light to enlighten . . . the na - tions,
	4	Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
	5	As it was in the be - . . . ginning, is now,



CANTOR	1	to go in peace as . . . you have prom - ised;
ALL	2	whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
	3	and the glory of your . . . peo - ple Is - rael.
	4	and to the Ho - ly Spirit:
	5	and will be for . . . ev - er. A - men.

Words: *Nunc dimittis*, Canticle 17, based on Luke 2:29-32; Music: Janet Yieh (b. 1992)

The Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty,

All



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.

The Prayers

Salutation

Hymnal S 62

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People

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S 62



All

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.

Suffrages

Hymnal S 52

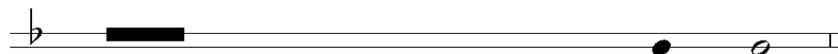
The Officiant sings the Versicles and the People join on the Responses.



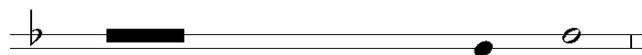
V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;



R. And grant us your salva - tion.



V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



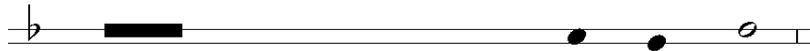
R. Let your people sing with joy.



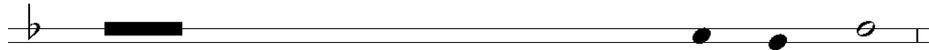
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.



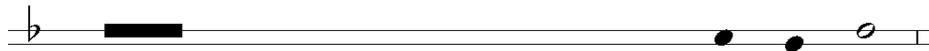
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;



R. Your saving health among all na - tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot - ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

Collect

For Aid against Perils

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Officiant Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Proper 24

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Cantor Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Prayer for Mission

BCP p. 124

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.

All Amen.

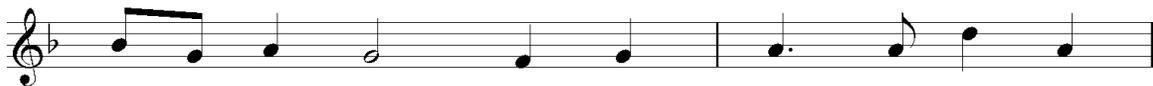
Hymn

Hymnal 665, vv. 1-3

Sung by all.



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

Words: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
Music: *Michael*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Prayers

Add your own prayers and thanksgivings to God either silently or aloud.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

BCP p. 837, adapted

Officiant Let us give thanks to God, Creator of all, Source of life and love,
for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ in us,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For the brave and courageous,
who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

All 
We thank you, O God.

Officiant For [_____], the communion of saints, in all times and places,

All 
We thank you, O God.

The Litany continues on the next page.

Officiant Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord; to Christ be praise and glory, in the unity of the One, Holy and Blessed Trinity, One God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us, now and for ever.

All 
A - men.

Concluding Versicle and Response

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Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

All Amen.



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