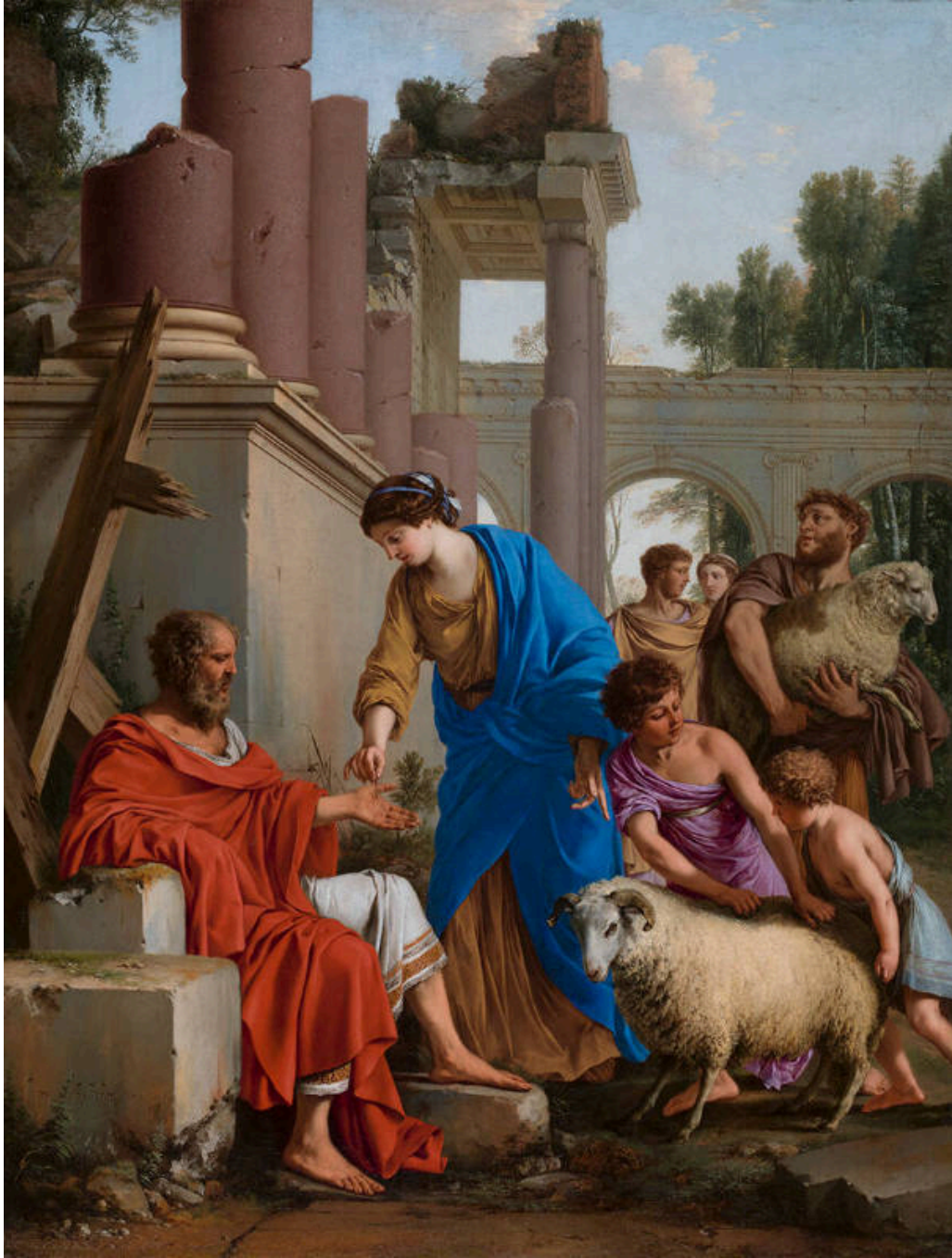


CHRIST AND SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Job restored to prosperity - Laurant de La Hyre (1648)
The Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk*

OCTOBER 6, 2024
5:30 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

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PRELUDE

Aria in F

John S. Dixon

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Robert Lowry, arr. John S. Dixon

Michael Cohen, oboe; John S. Dixon, piano

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 26: O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ

Conditor alme siderum

OPENING SENTENCES

PRECES (*world premiere*)

John S. Dixon

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, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's name be praised.

Please be seated.

PSALM 106:1-12 (*sung by the Choir*)

Anglican Chant: Charles Hilton Stewart

1. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is gracious, *
and his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can express the noble acts of the LORD, *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that always keep judgment, *
and do righteousness.

4 Remember me, O LORD, according to the favour that thou bearest unto thy people; *
O visit me with thy salvation;

5 That I may see the felicity of thy chosen, *
and rejoice in the gladness of thy people, and give thanks with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers; *
we have done amiss, and dealt wickedly.

7 Our fathers regarded not thy wonders in Egypt,
neither kept they thy great goodness in remembrance; *
but were disobedient at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless, he helped them for his Name's sake, *
 that he might make his power to be known.
 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; *
 so he led them through the deep, as through a wilderness.
 10 And he saved them from the adversary's hand, *
 and delivered them from the hand of the enemy.
 11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them; *
 there was not one of them left.
 12 Then believed they his words, *
 and sang praise unto him.
 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.

PSALM 114

Anglican Chant: George Garrett

1 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 and the house of Jacob from among the strange people,
 2 Judah was his sanctuary, *
 and Israel his dominion.
 3 The sea saw that, and fled; *
 Jordan was driven back.
 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.
 5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? *
 and thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
 6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams? *
 and ye little hills, like young sheep?
 7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord: *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob;
 8 Who turned the hard rock into a standing water, *
 and the flint-stone into a springing well.
 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

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

THERE was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to

destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

MAGNIFICAT (*world premiere*)

John S. Dixon

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiceth 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 shewed 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

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

LONG ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.” Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children

to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

NUNC DIMITTIS (*world premiere*)

John S. Dixon

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.

THE APOSTLES CREED (*please stand*)

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.

THE RESPONSES

John S. Dixon

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray. (*please kneel or sit*)

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

Our Father, who 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.

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.

Almighty everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. *(The Collect of the Day)*

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. Amen. *(The Collect for Peace)*

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. Amen. *(The Collect for Aid against all Perils)*

Please be seated.

ANTHEM: Phos Hilaron (*world premiere*)

John S. Dixon

Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured,

Who is the immortal Father, heavenly blest,

Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,

The lights of evening round about us shine.

We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthy are you at all times to be sung,

To be sung with undefiled tongue,

Son of our God, giver of life alone.

Therefore in all the world your glories, Lord, they own.

-3rd century Greek text, translated by John Keble

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant Let us pray. *(please kneel)*

People **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE CLOSING PRAYERS & THE GRACE

HYMN 24: The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended

St. Clement

POSTLUDE: Hornpipe

John S. Dixon

Michael Cohen, oboe; John S. Dixon, piano

Please be seated after the Procession has passed.

Music Notes

The Evening Service by John S. Dixon was jointly commissioned by John B. Ford and Tracy Reynolds and receives its world premiere today. The service is scored for a cappella voices and consists of four movements: the *Magnificat*, *Nunc Dimittis*, *Preces & Responses*, and the *Phos Hilaron*. John chose to compose three of the four movements (*Preces & Responses*, *Magnificat*, and *Nunc Dimittis*) in the rich key of D-flat major (five flats), lending rich sonorities favored by choral singers. By contrast, the *Phos Hilaron* is in the bright key of D major (two sharps) which suitably matches the light-filled text. The inscription for each movement reads:

Magnificat:

*Commissioned by Tracy Reynolds for my beloved husband and cherished children
in celebration of the Reynolds family's foundation in 2010.*

Nunc Dimittis, Preces & Responses, and Phos Hilaron:

*Commissioned by John Ford, for Kevin Kwan, Director of Music
and the choir of Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia.*



CHRIST AND ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

Friday, October 25, 7:30pm - **Halloween Spooktacular!**

Audience favorite Dorothy Papadakos returns to improvise a live organ accompaniment to Alfred Hitchcock's first hit *The Lodger*. This silent film from 1927, shown on the big screen, is still considered to be one of Hitchcock's most successful productions and set the stage for his many blockbusters that would follow.

Sunday, November 3, 5:30pm - **Maurice Duruflé's Requiem**

Internationally renowned organist Todd Wilson joins the Parish Choir for a performance of this exquisite 20th century masterpiece, sung in the context of our All Souls' Eucharist service. Highlighting the beautiful colors of our restored organ, this transcendental work interweaves the Gregorian chants from the Mass for the Dead with Duruflé's lush impressionistic harmonies, played by Todd Wilson, one of the greatest interpreters of Duruflé's music and Kevin Kwan's teacher.

Friday, November 15, noon: **Chamber Music Series I**

Please join us in Selden Chapel for a 30 minute chamber music concert, featuring Rebecca Fetter, violin, Jeff Phelps, cello, and Kevin Kwan, harpsichord.

Friday, November 22, 7:30pm - **Stephen Coxe and Friends**

Composer and pianist Stephen Coxe gathers his friends for an evening of choral, vocal and chamber works. Music by Duruflé, Bruckner, Carroll, Coxe, Biebl, Corelli, Brahms, Messiaen, and Britten, with special performances by the Camerata Choristers, Kevin Kwan, the Governor's School for the Arts Baroque Orchestra and Treble Choirs, bass-baritone Hunter Enoch, and harpist Barbara Chapman in performance of Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Not to be missed!

Sunday, December 1, 5:30pm - **Advent Lessons and Carols**

The Parish Choir presents our annual service of light to mark the season of joyful preparation. Music of Manz, Macmillan, Poston, Hogan, and more.

Sunday, December 8, 4pm - **Virginia Chorale: Sing We Nowell!**

The Virginia Chorale presents carols and songs of the season to ring in the holidays in this beloved holiday concert! Tickets at vachorale.org or at the door.