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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 AT 3 P.M.

CHORAL EVENSONG

SUNG BY THE SAINT THOMAS CHOIR OF MEN AND BOYS
WITH CHORISTER FOR A DAY PARTICIPANTS



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PRELUDE

Meditation
Three Pieces for Organ

David Halls
(b. 1963)

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

Plainsong

The Officiant and Choir sing the opening responses.

V. O Lord, open thou our lips.

R. *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

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

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. *The Lord's Name be praised.*

The People sit.

WELCOME

PSALM 108:1-6

Sung by the Choir

Anglican Chant (Henry G. Ley)

PARATUM COR MEUM

O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready :
I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
Awake, thou lute, and harp : I myself will awake right early.
I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people :
I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
For thy mercy is greater than the heavens :
and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
That thy beloved may be delivered : let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
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 LESSON

Deuteronomy 28:1-6

The People stand for the Office Hymn and Magnificat.



OFFICE HYMN

SLANE

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Be thou my vision, #488 from *The Hymnal 1982* — Words: Irish, c. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935). alt.
Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

MAGNIFICAT

Song of Mary

Richard Shephard
(1949-2021)

MY LORD and Saviour is my song,
He fills my spirit with delight
To raise me up his arm is strong,
The lowly precious in his sight.
Magnificat anima mea Dominum. [My soul doth magnify the Lord.]

My name shall live from age to age,
And every tongue his servant bless,
For mercy is their heritage
Whose hearts the Holy One confess.
Magnificat...

The proud beguiled by dreams of power
Divided and degraded lie:
He casts them down from throne and tower
And stoops to lift the humble high.
Magnificat...



He feeds the hungry at his board
And sends the rich unfilled away,
And mindful of his promised word
Has answered Israel's prayer today.
Magnificat...

With all the elders of our race,
And those unborn who seek this birth,
I sing the glory of his grace
Who brings eternity to earth.
Magnificat...

Mary Holtby after Luke 1:46-55

The People sit.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

The People stand for the Nunc dimittis and the Creed.

NUNC DIMITTIS IN B-FLAT

*Sir Charles Villiers Stanford
(1852-1924)*

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

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 Catholick Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.



THE PRAYERS

Sung by the Choir

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Let us pray.

R. 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,
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.*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the State.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

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 AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

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 People sit.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Sung by the Choir

*Howard Goodall
(b. 1958)*

THE Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me,
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalms 23



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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

The prayers end with the Grace said by all

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES



HYMN

ANGEL VOICES

1. An - gel voi - ces, e - ver sing - ing, round thy throne of light,
2. Thou who art be - yond the farth - est mor - tal eye can scan,
3. For we know that thou re - joi - cest o'er each work of thine;
4. In thy house, great God, we of - fer of thine own to thee;
5. Ho - nour, glo - ry, might and me - rit thine shall e - ver be,

an - gel harps, for e - ver ring - ing, rest not day nor night;
can it be that thou re - gard - est songs of sin - ful man?
thou didst ears and hands and voi - ces for thy praise de - sign;
and for thine ac - cep - tance prof - fer all un - worth - i - ly.
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Spi - rit, bles - sed Tri - ni - ty.

thou - sands on - ly live to bless thee, and con - fess thee Lord of might.
Can we know that thou art near us and wilt hear us? Yes, we can.
crafts - man's art and mu - sic's mea - sure for thy plea - sure all com - bine.
hearts and minds and hands and voi - ces in our choi - cest psal - mo - dy.
Of the best that thou hast gi - ven earth and hea - ven ren - der thee.

Angel voices, ever singing, #336 from *The New English Hymnal* – Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909).
Music: Angel Voices, E.G. Monk (1819-1900).

THE BLESSING

The Officiant says

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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Salisbury Fanfare
Three Pieces for Organ

David Halls

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