

CHORAL EVENSONG  
SUNDAY, THE 17TH OF APRIL, 2016  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PRELUDE RECITAL

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HALF PAST THREE IN THE AFTERNOON  
DR. DAVID HENNING, ORGAN

Symphonie III

- I. Allegro Maestoso
- II. Cantilene
- III. Intermezzo
- IV. Adagio

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

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# CHORAL EVENSONG

## FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

### Hymn in Procession

*The people stand to sing.*

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Setting: Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

*Commissioned by the American Guild of Organists for its 2016 National Convention, Houston, Texas*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



## Opening Versicle

Craig Phillips

*The people remain standing.*

O Lord, open thou our lips. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.  
O God, make speed to save us. 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, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised.

## Psalm 150

chant: George S. Talbot (1875-1918)

*The people are seated as the choir sings.*

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.  
Praise him in his noble acts; praise him according to his excellent greatness.  
Praise him in the sound of the trumpet; praise him upon the lute and harp.  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances; praise him upon the strings and pipe.  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.  
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 First Lesson

*The people are seated.*

*John 10:22-30*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

## Canticle

setting: Evensong Service in G, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Magnificat

*The people stand as the choir sings.*

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 forever.

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 Second Lesson

*The people are seated.*

*Revelation 7:9-17*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

## Canticle

setting: Evensong Service in G, Charles Villiers Stanford

Nunc Dimittis

*The people stand as the choir sings.*

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

*Chanted by all on a single tone.*

**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 power of 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 Lesser litany

*The people remain standing as the choir sings.*

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*The people remain standing as the choir sings.*

Our Father, which 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.

## The Suffrages

*The people remain standing as the choir sings.*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; And grant us thy salvation.  
O Lord, save the State; And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.  
Endue thy ministers with righteousness; And make thy chosen people joyful.  
O Lord, save thy people; And bless thine inheritance.  
Give peace in our time, O Lord; Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
O God, make clean our hearts within us; And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collects

*The people remain standing as the cantor sings the collects and the choir sings "Amen".*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 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.

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.

## Offertory Anthem

*The people are seated.*

And I Saw a New Heaven

Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new Heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea.

And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away."

*The people stand.*

**Almighty God, who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you and promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Grace

*The people remain standing.*

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

## Anthem

*The people are seated.*

With a Shining Like the Sun

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

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Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things.  
His name shall endure forever, his name shall be continued as long as the sun.  
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.  
We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,  
Are changed into the same image from glory into glory.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.  
Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

God, your glory fills the earth, with a shining like the sun,  
Brighter than the eye can bear, known by what it shows to us.  
Sin has no gleam in your light; faith and hope and love are bright.

God, whose glory fills the earth, may the church that you have made patch and mend,  
With threads of gold, fabrics that are dull and frayed.  
Gold has no light of its own; so we shine, by you alone.

Homily

The Heavenly Choir

Dr. Yorty

# Hymn

*The people stand to sing.*

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA  
Setting: Craig Phillips

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1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;  
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:  
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.  
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

## Closing Voluntary

Symphonie III

V. Finale

Louis Vierne

The Reverend Dr. Thomas H. Yorty  
The Reverend Very Reverend Will Membane, Jr.  
The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee

*The Choir of Westminster Presbyterian Church*

Garrett F. Martin, Organist and Choirmaster; Käthe Wright Kaufman, Glynda Stephens Taylor Organ Scholar

*The Choir of Saint Paul's Episcopal Cathedral*

Jonathan Scarozza, Organist and Choirmaster; Abigail Rockwood, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster

*The Choir of Calvary Episcopal Church*

Alex Benestelli, Organist and Choirmaster



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