



CHORAL EVENSONG

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 13, 2026

4 p.m.

*In the Name of Christ Jesus, welcome to Choral Evensong at St. Martin's Episcopal Church!
May all who gather here be nourished by this service of prayer, scripture, sermon, and music.*

A Prayer Before Worship

P ALMIGHTY GOD, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 833

Organ Prelude

"Prelude on Iam sol recedit igneus"

Bruce Simonds (1895-1989)

Introit

"Lighten our darkness"

Alexander L'Estrange (b. 1974)

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 [sake] of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thomas Cranmer, Third Collect for Evensong

The People stand for the Hymn in Procession

Hymn in Procession

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The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment consists of a single bass line with chords. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, the second system contains the next four lines, and the third system contains the final four lines. The lyrics are: 1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a - on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest. keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night. si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way. ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893)

Music: *St. Clement*, Clement Cottevill Scholefield (1839-1904)

Opening Sentence



WORSHIP THE LORD in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.

Psalm 96:9

Preces and Responses

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir: And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: 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.

Officiant: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

Setting by Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

The People are seated as the Choir sings the Appointed Psalms

Appointed Psalms

Psalm 69

Salvum me fac



SAVE ME, O GOD: for the waters are come in, even unto my soul. I stick fast in the deep mire, where no ground is: I am come into deep waters, so that the floods run over me. I am weary of crying; my throat is dry: my sight faileth me for waiting so long upon my God. They, that hate me without a cause, are more than the hairs of my head: they, that are mine enemies, and would destroy me guiltless, are mighty. I paid them the things that I never took: God, thou knowest my simpleness, and my faults are not hid from thee. Let not them, that trust in thee, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed for my cause: let not those, that seek thee, be confounded through me, O Lord God of Israel. And why? for thy sake have I suffered reproof: shame hath covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren: even an alien unto my mothers children. For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me: and the rebukes of them, that rebuked thee, are fallen upon me. I wept, and chastened my self with fasting: and that was turned to my reproof. I put on sackcloth also: and they jested upon me. They, that sit in the gate, speak against me: and the drunkards make songs upon me. But, Lord, I make my prayer unto thee: in an acceptable time. Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercy: even in the truth of thy salvation. Take me out of the mire, that I sink not: O let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out

of the deep waters. Let not the water-floud drown me, neither let the deep swallow me up: and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving kindness is comfortable: turn thee unto me according to the multitude of thy mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble: O haste thee and hear me. Draw nigh unto my soul and save it: O deliver me because of mine enemies. Thou hast known my reproof, my shame, and my dishonour: mine adversaries are all in thy sight. Thy rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man, neither found I any to comfort me. They gave me gall to eat: and when I was thirsty, they gave me vinegar to drink. Let their table be made a snare to take themselves withal: and let the things, that should have been for their wealth, be unto them an occasion of falling. Let their eyes be blinded that they see not: and ever bow thou down their backs. Pour out thine indignation upon them: and let thy wrathful displeasure take hold of them. Let their habitation be void: and no man to dwell in their tents. For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten: and they talk how they may vex them whom thou hast wounded. Let them fall from one wickedness to another: and not come into thy righteousness. Let them be wiped out of the book of the living: and not be written among the righteous. As for me, when I am poor and in heaviness: thy help, O God, shall lift me up. I will praise the name of God with a song: and magnifie it with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord: better than a bullock that hath horns and hoofs. The humble shall consider this and be glad: seek ye after God and your soul shall live. For the Lord heareth the poor: and despiseth not his prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise him: the sea and all that moveth therein. For God will save Sion, and build the cities of Juda: that men may dwell there, and have it in possession. The posterity also of his servants shall inherit it: and they that love his name, shall dwell therein.

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 70

Deus, in adiutorium

HASTE THEE, O GOD, TO DELIVER ME: make haste to help me, O Lord. Let them be ashamed and confounded, that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward and put to confusion, that wish me evil. Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame: that cry over me, There, there. But let all those, that seek thee, be joyful and glad in thee: and let all such as delight in thy salvation, say alway, The Lord be praised. As for me, I am poor and in misery: haste thee unto me, O God. Thou art my helper and my Redeemer: O Lord, make no long tarrying.

All stand

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.

Settings by Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)
Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)
William Hine (1687-1730)
& Henry Aldrich (1648-1710)

All sit for the first lesson

The First Lesson

1 Kings 19:8-21

AND ELIJAH AROSE, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-me-holah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh, with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

The Song of Mary

“Magnificat in D”

George Dyson (1883-1964)

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 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.

All sit for the second lesson

The Second Lesson

Revelation 18:1-8

AND AFTER THESE THINGS I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

Lector: Here endeth the lesson.

All stand for the Song of Simeon

The Song of Simeon

“Nunc Dimittis in D”

George Dyson

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

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 Lesser Litany

Philip Radcliffe

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The People kneel

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

 UR 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

Officiant: O Lord, shew 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.

Collect of the Day

GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Peace

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.*

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.*

Authorized Intercessions

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and 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 men. 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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

The Officiant continues

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Benedicamus Domino

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sentence of Scripture

The Officiant continues

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.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Welcome and Announcements

Sermon

The Rev. Dane E. Boston

Anthem at the Offering

“O Lord, support us”

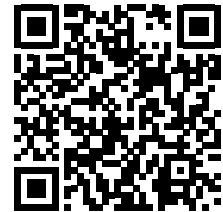
David Briggs (b. 1962)

 LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

John Henry Newman “A Prayer in the Evening” BCP p. 833

During the Anthem, Ushers will come forward to collect member pledges and donations. While visitors are never expected to give, all donations are welcome. Offerings support Choral Evensong and St. Martin’s ministries.

Contributions may also be made online by visiting smec.org/give or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generous support!



Benediction

*Following the Benediction,
all stand for the final hymn*

Hymn

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1 Christ, might - y Sa - vior, Light of all cre - a - tion, you make the
2 Now comes the day's end as the sun is set - ting: mir - ror of
3 There - fore we come now eve - ning rites to of - fer, joy - ful - ly
4 Give heed, we pray you, to our sup - pli - ca - tion: that you may
5 Though bo - dies slum - ber, hearts shall keep their vi - gil, for ev - er



1 day - time ra - diant with the sun - light and to the night give
2 day - break, pledge of re - sur - rec - tion; while in the hea - vens
3 chant - ing ho - ly hymns to praise you, with all cre - a - tion
4 grant us par - don for of - fens - es, strength for our weak hearts,
5 rest - ing in the peace of Je - sus, in light or dark - ness



1 glit - ter - ing a - dorn - ment, stars in the hea - vens.
2 choirs of stars ap - pear - ing hal - low the night - fall.
3 join - ing hearts and voic - es sing - ing your glo - ry.
4 rest for ach - ing bo - dies, sooth - ing the wear - y.
5 wor - ship - ing our Sa - vior now and for ev - er.

Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall (1895-1964); rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b.1930)
Music: *Innisfree Farm*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (b.1921)

Organ Postlude

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major" BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Ministers and Choir depart

*All are invited to Bagby Parish Hall following the service for
fellowship and Christian Formation beginning at 5 p.m.*

Welcome to St. Martin's

In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome to St. Martin's Episcopal Church!

We are so grateful that you are worshipping with us today. Everything that this vibrant Parish does flows from the worship of our Lord. Our service times and styles may vary, but through the riches of our Anglican tradition, they are all offered for the same ultimate purpose: to glorify our God and Father, to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ His Son, and to rejoice in the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit.

Whether you are here for the very first time or have been attending St. Martin's for decades, I invite you to explore our many daily and weekly opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship, and service. We are a community where people of every age and stage of life are met by Jesus and deepen their relationship with Him. Join us as we open God's Word in Bible studies large and small, gather in nourishing, nurturing care for one another, and reach out to show God's love in tangible ways to our brothers and sisters here in Houston, and around the globe.

Come, worship the Lord, and grow with us. Welcome to St. Martin's!

The Rev. Dane E. Boston, Rector

Music St. Martin's

Sunday, October 25

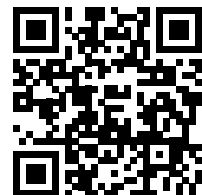
4 p.m. - *The Church*

Join us in welcoming Ensemble Altera as they present *The Four Elements*, "a contemplation of the awesome beauty and terrifying power of the natural world through the prism of sky, earth, fire, and water" on the final concert of their Texas Tour.

Described by *Gramophone* as "one of the [United] States' leading chamber choirs", this promises to be an evening of profound choral music not to be missed!

This concert is free of charge and open to the public.

To accommodate the schedules of visiting artists, there will be no service of Choral Evensong offered this evening.



Listen here!

Join Us for Worship

Traditional Services with Choir

Holy Eucharist: Rite One - 9 a.m. in the Church - First Sunday of Every Month

Morning Prayer - 9 a.m. in the Church - Second through Fifth Sundays of Every Month

Holy Eucharist: Rite One with Children's Chapel - 11:15 a.m. in the Church - Every Sunday

Contemporary Worship

Family Table - 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center - Every Sunday

Riverway with Children's Chapel - 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Life Center - Every Sunday

Spoken Holy Eucharist: Rite One

8 a.m. & 6 p.m. in the Church - Every Sunday

7 a.m. & noon in Christ Chapel - Every Wednesday

The Daily Office (Morning and Evening Prayer)

8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. in Christ Chapel - Monday through Friday

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