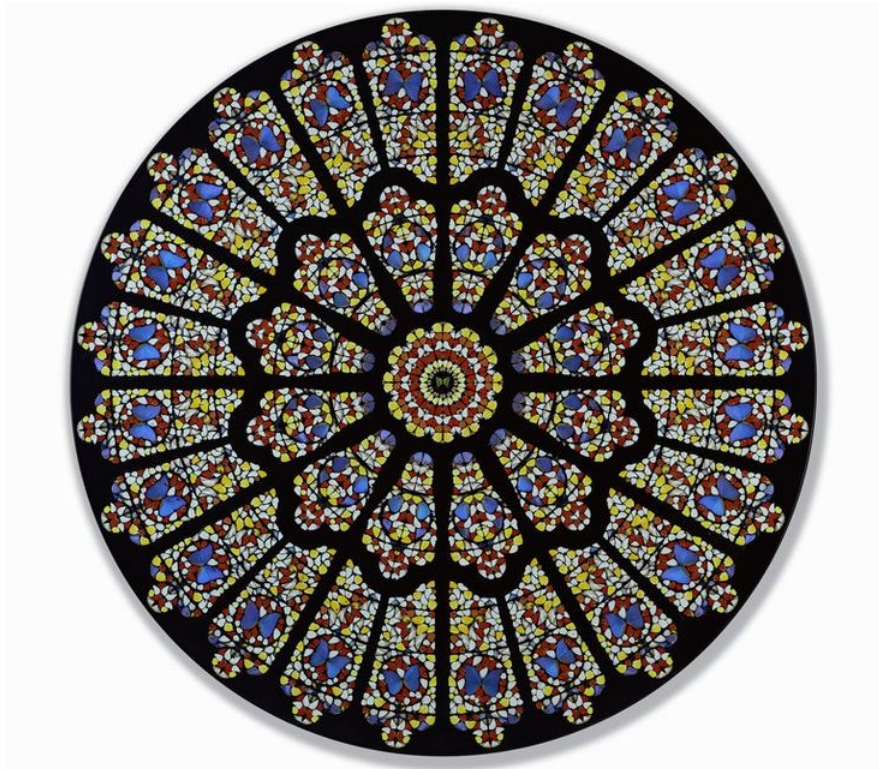


Evensong sung by St. John's Parish Choir
at First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA



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The Feast of Pentecost
May 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

CHORAL EVENSONG FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

VOLUNTARY Sonata 6
I. Andante Sostenuto

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

INTROIT Ave verum

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Ave verum corpus natum
ex Maria Virgine
verre passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine:
cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu,
fili Mariae, miserere nobis. Amen.

Hail, true body of Christ,
born of the Virgin Mary,
who truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind.
From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood;
be our consolation
In death's ordeal.
O Jesus, O sweet Jesus, O Jesus,
Son of Mary, have mercy upon us. Amen.

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The people stand.

THE PRECES AND RESPONSES

Philip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Cantor O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Cantor O God, make speed to save us.
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.
Choir 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.
Cantor Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord's name be praised.

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The people sit.

PSALM 148

Chant: H. Aldrich

- 1 O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
- 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
- 4 Praise him, all ye heavens: and ye waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord:
for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.

6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever:
 he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
7 Praise the Lord upon earth: ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours: wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills: fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle: worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people: princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord:
 for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him:
 even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth 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 150

Chant: Charles Villiers Stanford

1 O praise God in his holiness: praise him in the firmament of his power.
2 Praise him in his noble acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
3 Praise him in the sound of the trumpet: praise him upon the lute and harp.
4 Praise him in the cymbals and dances: praise him upon the strings and pipe.
5 Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise him upon the loud cymbals.
6 Let every thing 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: 1 Corinthians 2:1-13

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,^[a] but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
 nor the human heart conceived,
 what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have

received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT IN D MINOR

Thomas Attwood Walmisley (1814-1856)

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
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: John 14:1-17, 25-28

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you

another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

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 people stand.

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 Catholic Church,
the Communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the Resurrection of the Body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

Philip Radcliffe

Cantor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Cantor Let us pray.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung by the choir*)

THE SUFFRAGES

Philip Radcliffe

Cantor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O Lord.

Cantor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

O God, who on this day didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. Amen.

A 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 our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The people sit.

ANTHEMS

O for a closer walk with God

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.
Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest,
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.
The dearest idol I have known, whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame,
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

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African-American Spiritual, arr. by James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

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The people stand.

THE PRAYERS

THE GRACE

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

The people sit for the Voluntary.

VOLUNTARY Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

PARTICIPANTS

Kathleen Lifsey, Officiant
Peggy Haas Howell, Director
Cory Whittier, Organist
Brandon Coffey, Cantor
St. John's Parish Choir
Readers: Sumner Jenkins, Dennis Roberts

EVENSONG SERVICES AT 5:00 P.M. AT ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elmwood Avenue, off Rivermont Avenue

Saturday, June 5

Sunday, June 6

THE DIRECTOR

PEGGY HAAS HOWELL is the Organist and Choirmaster at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lynchburg. She is also the Director of Cantate Children's and Youth Choir. Peggy Howell is well-known as an organ recitalist in the United States and Europe. She graduated from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor of Arts in Church Music degree, and from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, with a Master of Sacred Music degree and also attended the Academy of Music and Performing Arts in Hamburg, Germany.

THE ORGANIST

CORY WHITTIER is the Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Lynchburg where he has been serving since 2017. Originally from Idaho Falls, Idaho, he holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in organ performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music. He is the sub-dean of the Lynchburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHOIR is a mixed choir sings every Sunday and for special services in addition to presenting occasional concerts. In late July and early August, they plan to be in residence at Durham Cathedral, Durham, Great Britain. The Evensongs they are singing this spring are part of their preparations for the residency. A number of other singers from Central Virginia as well as Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and North Carolina, will join St. John's Choir for some of the Evensongs and the trip. The organist for the residency will be Andrew Scanlon, Organ Professor at East Carolina State University and the Organist and Choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, North Carolina.

SOPRANOS

Barbara Daniszewski
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Cover: A rose window at Durham Cathedral