



The
Church of
Bethesda-by-the-Sea
Love and Serve

RECITAL AND CHORAL EVENSONG

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024 — 3:30 P.M.



RECITAL AT 3:30 P.M.

Michael S. Murray
freelance organist

FANFARE FOR THE COMMON MAN

Aaron Copland
(1900–1990)
arr. Dorothy Papadakos

GYMNOPIEDIE

Erik Satie
(1866–1925)

“LARGO” FROM *XERXES*

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

PRELUDE & FUGUE IN E MINOR, BWV 533 “THE CATHEDRAL”

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

IMPROVISATION

Michael Murray
(b. 1974)



*Following Evensong, please join us in the Parish Hall
for refreshments and the opportunity to greet one another.*



Originally from Queensland, Australia, **MICHAEL S. MURRAY** is renowned as a leader in church music in America today. For two decades he directed and built the music program at the Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, to become one of the most respected in New England, the pinnacle of which was overseeing the installation of the \$1.7 million Schoenstein pipe organ in 2018.

Throughout his career, Michael has appeared on numerous recordings. Most recently, he was honored to be considered for four Grammy nominations for “Love so amazing”, a recording of the hymn arrangements of Stuart Forster, with the combined choirs of the Church of the Redeemer and Christ Church, Cambridge. “Vivat Regina! The Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II”, a commemorative recording of organ, choral, and instrumental music, from the Church of the Redeemer, launched to critical acclaim. Correspondence once this recording was released included complimentary notes of appreciation from both Buckingham Palace and Balmoral Castle at the behest of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As soloist and accompanist, Michael is noted for his versatile range and colorful interpretation, appearing at venerated cathedrals, churches, and concert halls across the United States, Europe, and Australasia, as well as in lighter capacities, such as Sydney’s Cabaret Convention. He has performed as part of the conventions and conclaves of the American Institute of Organbuilders, the International Society of Organbuilders, the American Guild of Organists, and the Association of Anglican Musicians. As an author, his writings have been published in both hemispheres. In 1999, he was awarded first place in the Herbert Davis Organ Competition, the most prestigious organ competition in the southern hemisphere. After nearly thirty years of regular church work, he now enjoys a vocational occupation within the cathedral of hospitality in Palm Beach — The Breakers. In his role as “Personal Concierge”, he handles the detailed arrangements for The Breakers’ most distinguished of guests, whilst still being in high demand as a professional organist & choir trainer. He now resides in West Palm Beach, where he lives with his husband Stuart and food-motivated fur babies Wills and Bentley.

CHORAL EVENSONG AT 4:00 P.M.

A Word of Welcome

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea for this special evening of prayer, contemplation, and song. If you are visiting with us this evening, we are especially delighted you have joined us and bid you a warm welcome.

The service of Evensong, or sung Evening Prayer, is sometimes called “the crown jewel of Anglican liturgy” as it is based almost entirely on Scripture and generously bequeathed with the rich legacy of the choral tradition. Some of the language will take us away from the mundane, offering a moment to reflect on our part among the countless generations who pray before and after us. Some responses will be sung between the Officiant and the Choir; the Congregation joins in singing the hymns and the Apostles’ Creed. Your active participation in the italicized portions of the prayers is a blessing to all of us.

The Lessons read at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are part of a two-year cycle containing all of Holy Scripture. Likewise, prayer at Bethesda continues daily, and you are warmly invited to join us for Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays, for Holy Eucharist at 12:05 p.m. on Wednesdays, on Sunday mornings at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., and, resuming in October, for 4:00 p.m. Evensong on the first Sunday of the month. Please know that there is always a place for you at Bethesda-by-the-Sea.

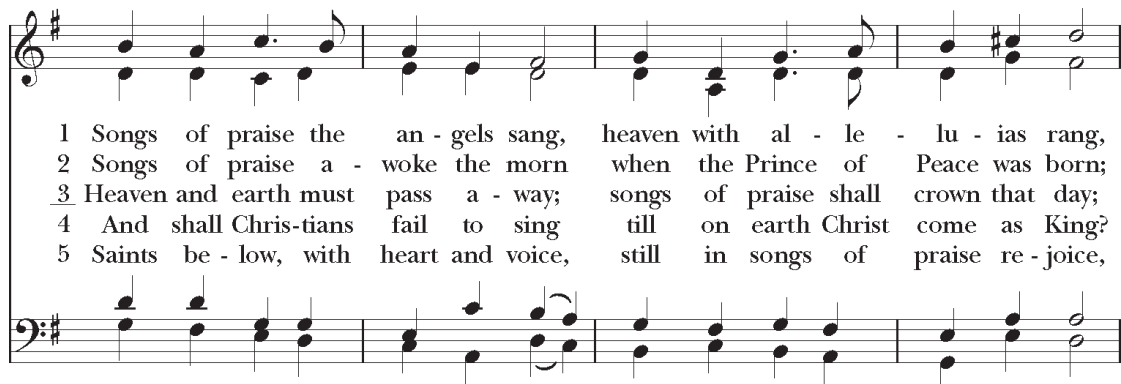
“The voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.”
Hymn 24, words by John Ellerton (1826–1893)

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

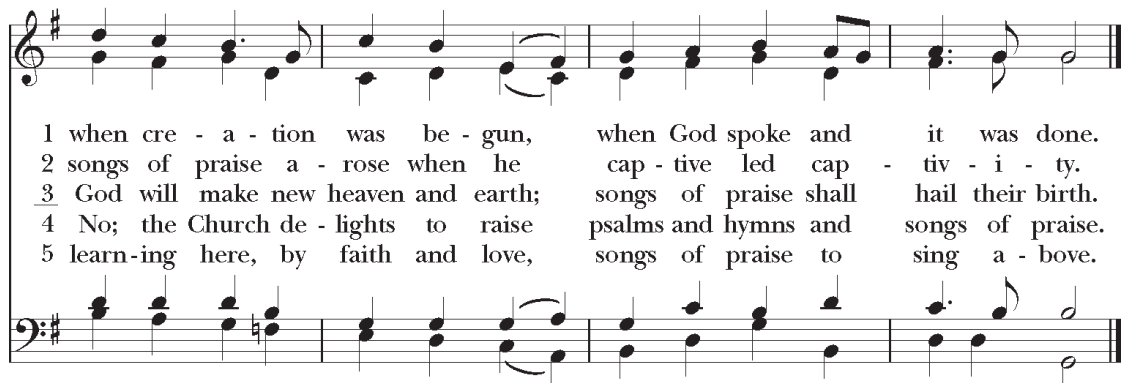
HYMN 426

Songs of praise the angels sang

Northampton
descant by Stuart Forster



1 Songs of praise the an - gels sang, heaven with al - le - lu - ias rang,
2 Songs of praise a - woke the morn when the Prince of Peace was born;
3 Heaven and earth must pass a - way; songs of praise shall crown that day;
4 And shall Chris-tians fail to sing till on earth Christ come as King?
5 Saints be - low, with heart and voice, still in songs of praise re - joice,



1 when cre - a - tion was be - gun, when God spoke and it was done.
2 songs of praise a - rose when he cap - tive led cap - tiv - i - ty.
3 God will make new heaven and earth; songs of praise shall hail their birth.
4 No; the Church de - lights to raise psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
5 learn-ing here, by faith and love, songs of praise to sing a - bove.

6 Borne upon their latest breath,
songs of praise shall conquer death;
then, amidst eternal joy,
songs of praise their powers employ.

The Preces

Craig Phillips

(b. 1961)

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.

Candles are lit during the singing of this hymn.

Phos hilaron

Hymn 37

O brightness of the immortal Father's face

Evening Hymn



1 O bright-ness of the im-mor - tal Fa - ther's face, most ho - ly,
 2 the sun is sink - ing now, and one by one the lamps of
 3 Worth - y art thou at all times to re - ceive our hal - lowed



heaven - ly, blest, Lord Je - sus Christ, in whom his
 eve - ning shine; we hymn the e - ter - nal Fa - ther,
 prais - es, Lord. O Son of God, be thou, in



truth and grace are vi - si - bly ex-pressed:
 and the Son, and Ho - ly Ghost di - vine.
 whom we live, through all the world a - dored.

The congregation is seated.

Psalm 96:1–10

Anglican chant by Gerald Knight (1908–1979)

Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: “The Lord is King! *

he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.”

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lord spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai, saying: Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When you enter the land that I am giving you, the land shall observe a sabbath for the Lord. For six years you shall sow your field, and for six years you shall prune your vineyard, and gather in their yield; but in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath for the Lord: you shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. You shall not reap the aftergrowth of your harvest or gather the grapes of your unpruned vine: it shall be a year of complete rest for the land. You may eat what the land yields during its sabbath—you, your male and female slaves, your hired and your bound labourers who live with you; for your livestock also, and for the wild animals in your land all its yield shall be for food. You shall count off seven weeks of years, seven times seven years, so that the period of seven weeks of years gives forty-nine years. Then you shall have the trumpet sounded loud; on the tenth day of the seventh month—on the day of atonement—you shall have the trumpet sounded throughout all your land. And you shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you: you shall return, every one of you, to your property and every one of you to your family. That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces. In this year of jubilee you shall return, every one of you, to your property. When you make a sale to your neighbour or buy from your neighbour, you shall not cheat one another. When you buy from your neighbour, you shall pay only for the number of years since the jubilee; the seller shall charge you only for the remaining crop-years. If the years are more, you shall increase the price, and if the years are fewer, you shall diminish the price; for it is a certain number of harvests that are being sold to you. You shall not cheat one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

The congregation stands.

MAGNIFICAT: THE ST. PAUL'S SERVICE

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

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.

The congregation is seated.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 1:2–8, 16–18

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE *Thanks be to God.*

The congregation stands.

NUNC DIMITTIS: THE ST. PAUL'S SERVICE

Herbert Howells

(1892–1983)

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 congregation stands.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(chanted by all)*

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 PRAYERS

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

The congregation kneels

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

OFFICIANT Our Father,
CHOIR 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.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

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.

THE COLLECTS

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For Aid against Perils

Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

For Mission

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WELCOME

DURING THE OFFERING, ANTHEM

Blest pair of sirens

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

(1848–1918)

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of heaven's joy,
Sphere-born, harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse,
Wed your divine sounds, and mixt power employ
Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce,
And to our high-raised phantasy present
That undisturbed song of pure concert,
Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne
To him that sits thereon,
With saintly shout and solemn jubilee;
Where the bright Seraphim, in burning row
Their loud, uplifted angel-trumpets blow,
And the Cherubic host, in thousand quires
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,

With those just spirits, that wear victorious palms,
Hymns devout and holy psalms
Singing everlastingly.
That we on earth, with undiscording voice
May rightly answer that melodious noise;
As once we did, till disproportioned sin
Jarr'd against Nature's chime, and with harsh din
Broke the fair music that all creatures made
To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed
In perfect diapason, whilst they stood
In first obedience, and their state of good.
O may we soon again renew that song,
And keep in tune with heaven, till God ere long
To his celestial concert us unite,
To live with him, and sing in endless morn of light.
—from *At a Solemn Musick* by John Milton (1608–1674)

Please kneel.

CLOSING PRAYERS

The congregation joins in saying the following prayer.

The General Thanksgiving

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 whom thou hast made. 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 Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Officiant says the following prayer.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.

The congregation stands as the hymn is introduced.

HYMN 432

O praise ye the Lord!

descant by Stuart Forster (b. 1971)

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up - on earth,
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song


re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!

ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!


THE DISMISSAL

Cantor or Officiant



Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

People



Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GRACE

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

POSTLUDE Psalm-prelude No. 3 (Set 2)

“Sing unto Him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise.” *Psalm 33:3*
Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Following Evensong, please join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and the opportunity to greet this afternoon’s recitalist, the clergy, members of the choir, and one another.

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