

# OFFICIANT/CANTOR SCRIPT

EVENSONG

THE SEASON OF EASTER

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

CHAPEL OF ALL SAINTS, 5:15PM

# PRELUDE

The organist plays an improvisation.

# WELCOME

The Officiant stands and faces the People, welcoming them using these or similar words:

Officiant Welcome to the historic Chapel of All Saints for Evensong.  
As you might know, Evensong is Evening Prayer which is chanted with music. We all pray Evensong together, so please follow along in your bulletin and join in as indicated and when you feel comfortable doing so.

At two points in the service tonight, we will ask for a volunteer to come forward to read the appointed reading of scripture. Anyone can volunteer to read, even if you have never done this before! So just raise your hand at that point if you feel called to do so.

There is a notebook in the lectern that you will read from, so there is no need to bring your bulletin with you.

Now let's pause and take a few breaths before we start with tonight's service of Evensong.

Silence is kept.

The Officiant looks at the notebook in the lectern to make sure that it's ready and turned to tab 1.

Officiant Please stand as you are able.

# PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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The People stand.

Officiant

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the  
ves - per light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the  
radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit;  
through Je - sus Christ our Lord.

All

**A - men.**

# THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

PRECES

Hymnal S 58

*Officiant*

O God, make speed to save us.

*All*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia.

PHOS HILARON

Hymnal 25

*The organist plays the hymn once and then the People sing.*

1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O

you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through

blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

Words: Greek, 3rd cent.; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984); para. of *O Gracious Light*  
Music: *The Eighth Tune*, Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

# THE PSALM

Psalm 74:1-3, 6, 8, 11-12, 14-15, 19-20

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Officiant Let us sing from Psalm 74 responsively.

The Cantor sings the first verse and then the People join as indicated.

Change notes as indicated by barlines, hyphens, and dots. On underlined syllables, do not change notes.



Cantor O God, why have you utterly | cast us | off? \*  
why is your wrath so hot against the | sheep | of your | pasture?

All Remember your congregation that you purchased | long a- | go, \*  
the tribe you redeemed to be your inheritance,           
and Mount | Zi-on | where you | dwell.

Cantor Turn your steps toward the | end-less | ruins; \*  
the enemy has laid waste everything | in your | sanc-tu- | ary.

All They set fire to your | ho-ly | place; \*  
they defiled the dwelling-place of your Name           
and | razed it | to the | ground.

Cantor There are no signs for | us to | see; \*  
there | is no | pro-phet | left;

All Yet God is my King from | an-cient | times, \*  
victorious in the | midst | of the | earth.

Cantor You divided the sea | by your | might \*  
and shattered the heads of the | dragons u- | pon the | waters;

All You split open | spring and | torrent; \*  
you dried up | ev-er | flow-ing | rivers.

Cantor Yours is the day, yours | also the | night; \*  
you established the | moon | and the | sun.

All Look u- | pon your | covenant; \*  
the dark places of the | earth are | haunts of | violence.

Cantor Let not the oppressed turn a- | way a- | shamed; \*  
let the poor and | need-y | praise your | Name.

After the Psalm, all sing

All Glory to the Father and | to the | Son, \*  
And | to the | Ho-ly | Spirit:  
As it was in the be- | ginning, is | now, \*  
And | will be for | ever. A- | men.

Music: Stephen Elvey (1805-1860)

## THE FIRST READING

*Officiant* Please be seated.

*The People sit.*

*Officiant* Now it is time for a volunteer to come forward for the first reading.  
Is there anyone who would like to come forward to read?

*As the Reader moves toward the steps:*

*Officiant* Please be careful with the steps, it's very easy to trip up here.

*The Officiant sits.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.  
For the worship of idols not to be named ...  
... and to know your power is the root of immortality.  
Here ends the Reading.

*The Officiant stands and faces the People.*

*Officiant* Please stand as you are able for the Song of Mary.

*The People stand.*

*During the Song of Mary, make sure that the Sacristan turns the tab to the second reading.  
If not, put your notebook in your seat and walk to the lectern and set the tab for the second reading.*

# THE SONG OF MARY

Hymnal 437

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*  
 Music: Birmingham, from *Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. *Songs of Praise*, 1925

## THE SECOND READING

*Officiant* Please be seated.

*The People sit.*

*Officiant* Now it is time for the second volunteer reader.  
Who wants to come forward to read?

*As the Reader moves toward the steps:*

*Officiant* Again, be careful with the steps.

*The Officiant sits.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.  
Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, ...  
... proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.  
Here ends the Reading.

*The Officiant stands and faces the People.*

*Officiant* Please stand as you are able for the Song of Simeon.

*The People stand.*

# THE SONG OF SIMEON

Hymnal 499

Lord God, you now have set your ser - vant free to go in

peace as prom-ised in your word; my eyes have seen the

Sa - vior, Christ the Lord, pre-pared by you for all the

world to see, to shine on na - tions trapped in dark - est night,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, and their light.

Words: Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927); para. of *The Song of Simeon*; Music: Song 1, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. *Hymns for Church and School*, 1964

# THE APOSTLES' CREED

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*Officiant*  
|b ██████████|

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

*All*  
|b ██████████|

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

# THE PRAYERS

## SALVATION

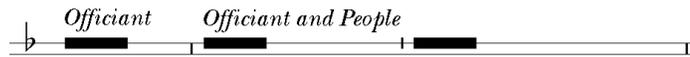
Hymnal S 62

*Officiant*                      *People*                      *Officiant*  
|b ██████████|                      | ██████████|                      | ██████████|

The Lord be with you.    And also with you.    Let us pray.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

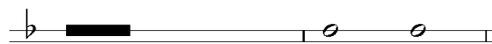
Hymnal S 62



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.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,



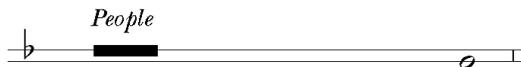
for ever and ever. A - men.

# SUFFRAGES

Hymnal S 52



V. Show us your mer - cy, O Lord;



R. And grant us your salva - tion.



V. Clothe your ministers with right - eous - ness;



R. Let your people sing with joy.



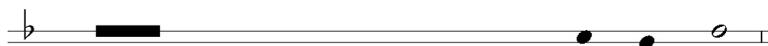
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in you can we live in safe - ty.

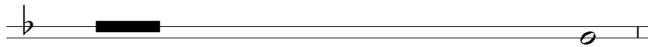


V. Lord, keep this nation un - der your care;



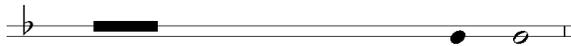
R. And guide us in the way of jus - tice and truth.

  
V. Let your way be known up - on earth;

  
R. Your saving health among all na - tions.

  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;

  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta - ken a - way.

  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spi - rit.

## COLLECT

*For Aid Against Perils*

BCP p. 70

*Officiant*

  
Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us

  
from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son,

  
our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ.

*All*

  
**A - men.**

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Weekdays of Easter 14

LFF p. 72

*Cantor*

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and, as we confess that Christ, the Savior of the world,  
lives with you in glo - ry, grant that, as he him - self has prom - ised,  
we may perceive him present among us also, to the end of the a - ges;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Ho - ly Spir - it, one God, for ever and ev - er.

*All*

A - men.

# PRAYER FOR MISSION

BCP p. 124

*Officiant*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels  
charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the wear - y,  
bless the dying, soothe the suf - fer - ing, pity the afflicted, shield the joy - ous;  
and all for your love's sake.

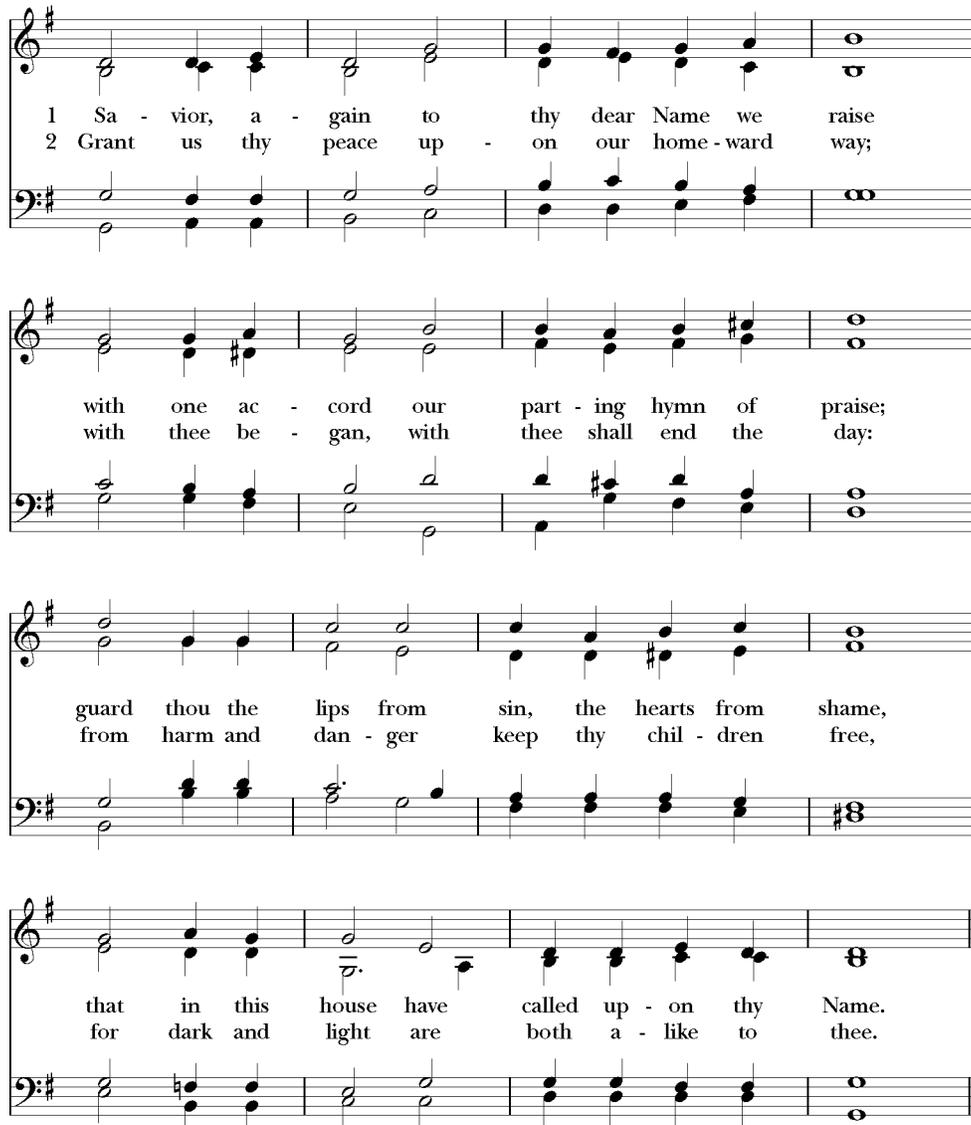
*All*

A - men.

# HYMN

Hymnal 345, vv. 1-2

The organist plays the hymn once. Sung by all.



1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise;  
2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name,  
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.

Words: John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.; Music: *Ellers*, Edward John Hopkins (1818-1901)

# PRAYERS

*Officiant* And now we add our own prayers and thanksgivings to God either silently or aloud.

*Count for 60 seconds. At the end of the prayers, say:*

*Officiant* Amen.

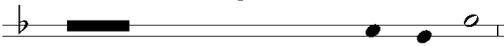
Let us continue with the Litany of Thanksgiving.

# A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

BCP p. 837, alt.

*Officiant*   
Let us give thanks to God, Creator of all, Source of life and love,  
  
for all the gifts so freely be-stowed up-on us.  
  
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

*All*   
We thank you, O God.

*Officiant*   
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,  
  
revealing the image of Christ in us,

*All*   
We thank you, O God.

*Officiant*   
For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

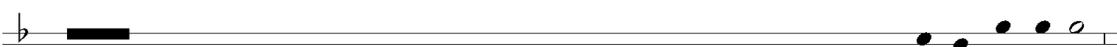
*All*   
We thank you, O God.

*Officiant*   
For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*All*   
We thank you, O God.

*Officiant*   
For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*All*   
We thank you, O God.

*Officiant*   
For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in ad-ver-si-ty,

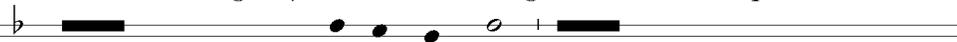
*All*   
We thank you, O God.

Officiant   
For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and jus-tice,

All   
We thank you, O God.

Officiant   
For [\_\_\_\_\_], the communion of saints, in all times and pla - ces,

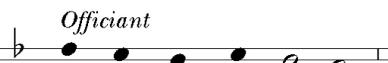
All   
We thank you, O God.

Officiant   
Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises  
  
given to us in Christ Je-sus our Lord; to Christ be praise and glo-ry,  
  
in the unity of the One, Holy and Blessed Trinity, One God,  
  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us, now and for ev - er.

All   
A - men.

## CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

BCP p. 126

Officiant   
Let us bless the Lord.

People   
Thanks be to God.

Officiant   
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or im - ag - ine:



Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church,

  
and in Christ Jesus for ev - er and ev - er.

All   
A - men.

## SENDING OUT

*The Officiant dismisses the congregation using these or similar words:*

*Officiant*        Thank you for joining us for Evensong tonight: it was so nice to have everyone here!

I hope you have a safe trip home and that you have a wonderful weekend ahead.

*The Officiant walks into the middle of the chapel nave to greet the congregation.*