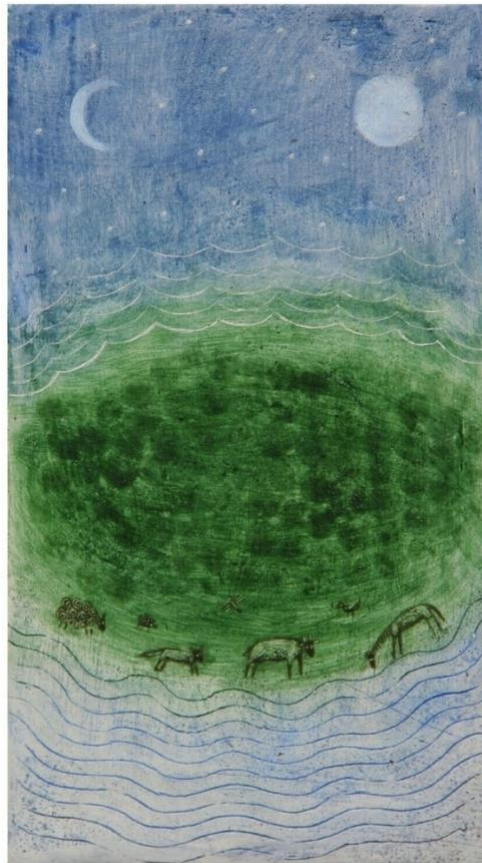


CHORAL EVENSONG FOR CREATION



1 OCTOBER 2023 AT 4:00 PM
The Cathedral of the Incarnation
Garden City, New York

ABOUT EVENSONG

In the monastic tradition of the western church, the “hours” are appointed times for prayer throughout the day.

- *Matins/Lauds*, in the middle of the night;
- *Prime*, at sunrise;
- *Terce*, 9:00 am;
- *Sext*, noon;
- *None*, 3:00 pm;
- *Vespers*, at sunset;
- *Compline*, at bedtime.

This continuous cycle of prayer, known as the Daily Office, includes psalms, canticles, responsories, hymns, versicles & responses, readings, and prayers.

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489 – 1556), who compiled the first Book of Common Prayer for the Church of England following the English Reformation, simplified and reduced these hours into the liturgies of *Matins* (Morning Prayer) and *Evensong* (Evening Prayer).

Choral Evensong is sung Evening Prayer; the choir sings including the Preces (prayers), the Psalm, the canticles (*Magnificat* & *Nunc dimittis*) and an anthem while the congregation participates vicariously – listening attentively to the choir’s offering of music and to the proclamation of the Scriptures, while singing with vigor the hymns.

Terms

Canticle – a non-metrical song used in liturgical worship. Latin for “little song”.

Responsory – a prayer(s) with responses.

Preces – brief responsive prayers which are often based on verses of scripture, especially the Psalter.

Versicle – the first half of the preces, sung by an officiant or cantor and answered by the choir.

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Welcome to the Cathedral of the Incarnation, the historic Cathedral Church for the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. We welcome your full

spoken participation in this service. Please turn off any cell phones before the beginning of Evensong.

VOLUNTARY: *Toccata in g, BWV 916*

J.S. Bach

Please stand as the procession enters the cathedral

INTROIT: *All creation shows God's power*

Heinrich Schütz
(1585 – 1672)

All creation shows God's power, and proclaims it every hour. Day by day its beauties tell of their loving Maker's will. Hear it speak to all the world - east to west we hear its words telling us of God's great deeds – all creation sings this creed. Help me as I tell of you, make me faithful, honest, true. Come, accept my words, O Lord, all my heart can say no more.

- *Music edition by Alice Parker, 2017, text translation by Gracia Grindal, 2017*

OPENING SENTENCE *(said by the Officiant)*

Seek him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: the Lord is his name.

THE PRECES

Philip Moore
(b. 1943)

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 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

Choir: without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Officiant: The Lord's Name be praised.

Choir:

Following the Preces, all are seated for the Psalm.

PSALM 8

Chant by Joseph Corfe

1. O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world:
thou hast set thy glory above the heavens!

2. Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies: that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers: the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him: and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5. Thou madest him lower than the angels: to crown him with glory and worship.

6. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands: and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

7. All sheep and oxen: yea, and the beasts of the field;

8. The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

9. O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

FIRST LESSON

Job 12:1-10

Then Job answered: 'No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you. But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you. Who does not know such things as these? I am a laughing-stock to my friends; I, who called upon God and he answered me, a just and blameless man, I am a laughing-stock. Those at ease have contempt for misfortune, but it is ready for those whose feet are unstable. The tents of robbers are at peace, and those who provoke God are secure, who bring their god in their hands. 'But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of

the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

At the end of the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Following the First Lesson, all stand for the Office Hymn

OFFICE HYMN

The Vicar of Bray



1. Sing praise to God on mount - tain tops and in earth's low - est
 2. Sing praise to God where grass - es grow and flowers dis - play their
 3. Sing praise to God where fish - es swim and birds fly in for -
 4. Sing praise to God where hu - man - kind its maj - es - ty em -
 pla - ces, from blue la - goon to po - lar waste, from
 beau - ty, where na - ture weaves her myr - iad web through
 ma - tion, where an - i - mals of ev - ery kind di -
 bra - ces, where dif - ferent rac - es, creeds, and tongues dis -
 o - cean to o - a - sis. No ran - dom rock pro -
 love as much as du - ty. The seas - ons in their
 ver - si - fy cre - a - tion. All life that finds its
 tin - guish dif - ferent fa - ces. God's im - age in each
 duced this world, but God's own will and won - der. Thus
 cy - cle speak of earth's com - plete pro - vi - sion. Let
 home on earth is meant to be re - spec - ted. Let
 child of earth shall nev - er pale or per - ish. So
 hills re - joice and val - ley's sing and clouds con - cur with thun - der.
 noth - ing mock in - her - ent good, nor treat it with de - ri - sion.
 noth - ing threat - en, for base ends, what God through grace per - fect - ed.
 treat with love each hu - man soul, and thus God's good - ness cher - ish.

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Following the Hymn, all are seated for the Magnificat

MAGNIFICAT IN C

Bryan Kelly
(b. 1934)

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.

SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:22-32

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

At the end of the Lesson, the Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

NUNC DIMITTIS IN C

Kelly

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

Said by 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 sin,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SALUTATION, LORD'S PRAYER & SUFFRAGES

Moore

Officiant: The Lord be with you;
Choir: and with thy spirit.
Officiant: Let us pray:
Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Choir: 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. Amen.

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 *(sung by the Officiant)*

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever.

Glorious God, the whole creation proclaims your marvelous work: increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

ANTHEM: *The Heavens are Telling from "The Creation"*

Joseph Haydn
(1732 – 1809)

The Heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament. Today that is coming speaks it the day, The night that is gone to following night. The Heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament. In all the lands resounds the word, Never unperceived, ever understood. The Heavens are telling the glory of God, The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

The congregation may remain seated for the following ceremony.

SEASONAL VOWS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE INCARNATION

Officiant: On behalf of the Church I ask you: Do you promise to the best of your ability to follow the rule of life of this community?

Member: **I do**

Officiant: Do you promise to follow the new monastic rhythm of life, as this community understands it?

Member: **I do**

Officiant: Do you promise to commit to an ongoing conversion of life?

Member: **I do**

Officiant: Do you promise to live your spirituality in the context of hearing and responding to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth?

Member: **I do**

Officiant: And now bow your heads and pray for God's blessing:

May God who inspires every good purpose enlighten and strengthen you so that you may faithfully fulfill your promises.

May God's Living Flame of Love light your way as you walk through all the nights of this world. May you, with the help of this community, grow into the full stature of Christ and be Christ for others.

And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever.

All: **Amen.**

The congregation now stands.

THE PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (*said by the Officiant*)

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 GRACE *(begun by the Officiant)*

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.**

CLOSING HYMN 409

Creation

VOLUNTARY: *Fuge in g, BWV 915*

Bach



Our next Choral Evensong will take place on Sunday, 5 November, as we observe All Saints' Day.

Join us for a special afternoon of music on Sunday, 19 November at 4:00, with works for organ and choir, including the Requiem by Gabriel Fauré, as we celebrate the recent renovation of our Cathedral organ.

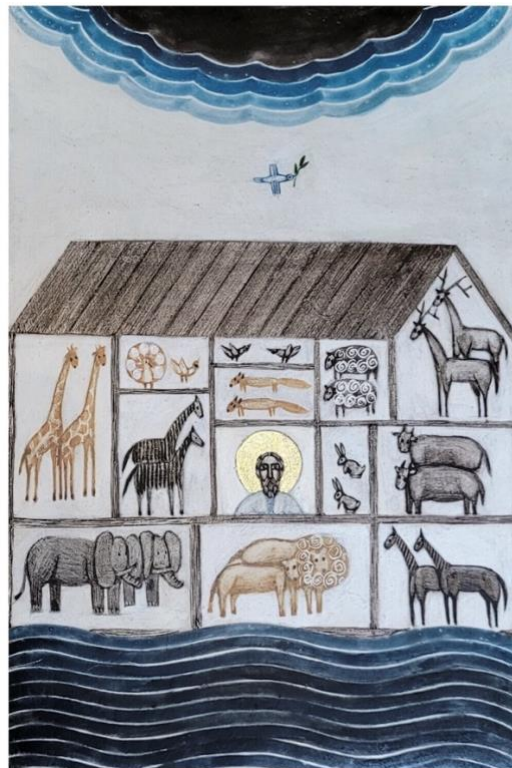
The Community of the Incarnation is a new monastic community which embodies and teaches engaged contemplative spirituality in response to what Father Bede Griffiths called "the universal call to contemplation." We affirm that intimacy with God does not belong to a special group of religious professionals but is available to all. Our practice democratizes the gifts of monastic spirituality and translates them into a form that can be lived in everyday life. Our Community is dispersed and currently includes members from across North America.

Some note on today's music

The Magnificat & Nunc dimittis today was composed in 1966 by Bryan Kelly. Born in Oxford in 1934, he studied at the Royal College of Music with Gordon Jacob and

Herbert Howells, then later with Nadia Boulanger in Paris. After some years on the staff of the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, he was appointed to a post at the Royal College of Music in 1963, and taught there for twenty-two years. One year was spent in Washington DC, teaching at the American University. More recently, he has developed a career in Egypt as accompanist and teacher of orchestration, has worked at the Cairo Opera and taken part in projects sponsored by the American University in Cairo. The setting you hear today, which uses Latin-American rhythms, was *quite* adventurous for use in British cathedrals in the 1960's. It's energy and drive seem perfect for an Evensong that celebrates the energy and work of God in Creation.

The anthem *The Heavens are telling the glory of God* is taken from Joseph Haydn's monumental oratorio *The Creation*, and it features a trio of soloists taking the part of the Archangels: Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael, interspersed with grand choruses.



Icon above: "Noah's Ark," by Natalia Rusetskya, L'viv, Ukraine, 2023.
Icon on the stand in the Chancel: "Creation" (2014), by the same artist.

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WEEKDAY EUCHARIST: Tuesday - Thursday at 12:00 noon in the Cathedral
ONLINE MORNING PRAYER: Tuesday through Friday at 8:45am
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