Saint Thomas Church Fifth Avenue in the City of New York



Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 4 p.m.

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING for the Coronation of HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III





ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Music before the service

Fantasia in D William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Bridal March from 'The Birds of Aristophanes' Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

The People stand for the entry of the Choir and Ministers.

Anthem

Confortare (1953) George Dyson (1883-1964)

B E strong and of a good courage: keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways.

Joshua 1:9

The Priest says

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Romans 12:9-10

The Bidding Prayer

DEARLY Beloved, we meet this day to give thanks for the Coronation of King Charles III and to join our prayers with those of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations; to pray for a blessing on King Charles that he may keep the solemn vows that he made to uphold the cause of Law and Justice, to govern his people with faithfulness and integrity, and to promote peace and goodwill among all those whom he is called to serve.

We pray a blessing on Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom;

We pray for the United States of America and our relationship with the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth of Nations; for the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and the Mayor of the City of New York. May all who hold public office be inspired by the Coronation Service and all that it signifies; may we follow the example of Jesus Christ who came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

All these prayers and thanksgivings let us sum up in the words that Our Lord himself gave us:

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest and People say together

UR 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. Amen.

Then the Officiant and Choir sing the Office of Evening Prayer

Versicles and Responses

Matthew Martin (b. 1976)

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

Choir And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Priest O God, make speed to save us.

Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Priest 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,

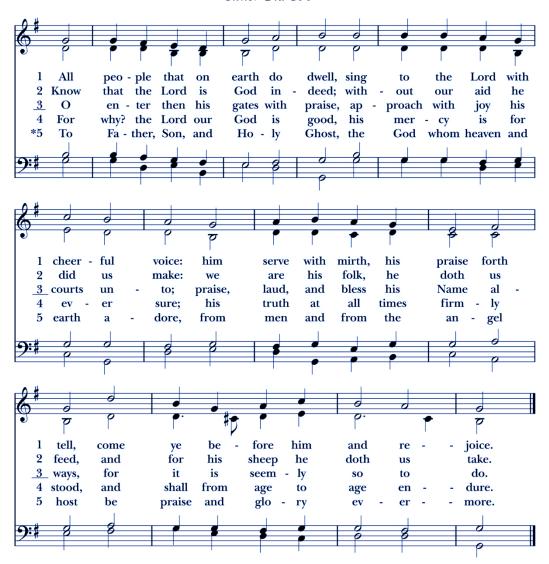
world without end. Amen.

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

Choir The Lord's Name be praised.

Hymn

Tune: Old 100th



Psalm 20

Chant by Arthur Wills (1926-2020)

EXAUDIAT TE DOMINUS

THE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble : the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion;

Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

Grant thee thy heart's desire : and fulfil all thy mind.

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.

Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

They are brought down, and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

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 101

Chant by Percy Buck (1871-1947)

MISERICORDIAM ET JUDICIUM

My song shall be of mercy and judgement: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

O let me have understanding: in the way of godliness.

When wilt thou come unto me: I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness: there shall no such cleave unto me.

A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour: him will I destroy.

Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach: I will not suffer him.

Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land: that they may dwell with me.

Whoso leadeth a godly life: he shall be my servant.

There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house : he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land: that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of 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

Proverbs 8:1-16

read by Mungo Woodifield

Spokesperson and Counsellor,

United Kingdom Mission to the United Nations

OES not wisdom call, Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, in the paths she takes her stand: beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the sons of men. O simple ones, learn prudence; O foolish men, pay attention. Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. They are all straight to him who understands and right to those who find knowledge. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, dwell in prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. I have counsel and sound wisdom,

I have insight, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; by me princes rule, and nobles govern the earth."

So ends the First Lesson.

The People stand.

HymnTune: Michael



The People remain standing as the Choir sings the Canticle

Magnificat

Evening Service in D Major Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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 People sit.

The Second Lesson

Luke 22:24-30

read by Hannah Young Deputy British Consul General in New York

A DISPUTE also arose among them, which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For which is the greater, one who sits at table, or one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at table? But I am among you as one who serves.

"You are those who have continued with me in my trials; and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

So ends the Second Lesson.

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in D Major Charles Wood (1866-1926)

ORD, 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 remain standing and say together the Creed.

The Apostles' Creed

T BELIEVE in God L 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 Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you. Choir And with thy spirit.

The People kneel.

Priest Let us pray.

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

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.

Priest O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir And grant us thy salvation. Priest O Lord, save the State;

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest O Lord, save thy people; Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Priest Give peace in our time, O Lord;

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

Priest O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

ALMIGHTY God, whom truly to know is everlasting life:
Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Second 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*.

The Third 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.

The People sit.

Anthem

Hear my words, ye people Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Hear my words, ye people, give ear unto me all ye that have knowledge Let us choose to us judgement, let us know among ourselves what is good.

Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any. He is mighty in strength and in wisdom. Behold, He is great, and we know Him not, neither can the number of His years be searched out.

The Lord's seat is in heaven, The Lord's seat is in heaven. Clouds and darkness are round about Him, Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His seat. He decketh Himself with light as with a garment, and spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain.

He layeth the beams of His chambers in the waters, and maketh the clouds His chariots, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.

He bowed the heavens, and came down, and it was dark under His feet.

He rode on the Cherubim, and did fly, and came flying upon the wings of the wind.

The Lord's seat is in heaven, His kingdom ruleth over all.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on them that fear Him, and upon them that put their trust in His mercy. To deliver their soul from death, and to feed them in the time of dearth.

Our soul hath patiently tarried for the Lord, For He is our help, our help and our shield. He delivered the poor in his affliction, the fatherless and him that hath none to help him. He shall bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captives, and comfort to those that mourn.

He shall give them beauty for ashes; the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth things that are sown to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations.

The Lord is full of compassion, is full of compassion and mercy, He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness; For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. Look how wide also the East is from the West, so far hath He set our sins from us.

O praise ye the Lord, Praise Him in the height; Rejoice in His word Ye Angels of Light! Ye Heavens adore Him by whom you were made, And worship before Him In brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord,
Praise Him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
Ye sons of new birth.
Praise Him who hath brought you
His grace from above,
Praise Him who hath taught you
to sing of His Love.

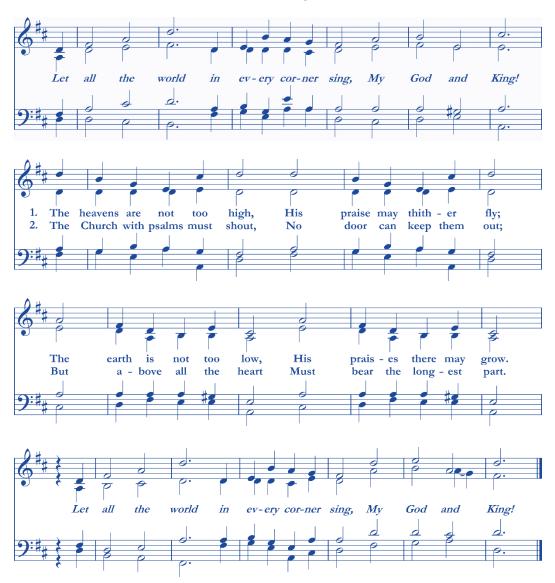
O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to Him be outpoured
all ages along;
For love in creation,
For Heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord! Amen

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Andrew St. John retired Assistant Bishop of Melbourne, Australia

Hymn

Tune: Luckington



The Prayers

Priest Let us pray.

The People kneel or sit.

A Prayer for King Charles

GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love:

Grant unto this thy servant King Charles, the Spirit of wisdom and government, that being devoted unto thee with his whole heart, he may so wisely govern, that in his time thy Church may be in safety, and Christian devotion may continue in peace; that so persevering in good works unto the end, he may by thy mercy come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family

A LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless Camilla Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family.

Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Clergy and People

A LMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: send down upon our bishops and curates, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

A LMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Concluding Prayer for the King's Majesty

read by the Rector on behalf of all for whom King Charles is Head of State

LORD our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King Charles; and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant him in health and wealth long to live; strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally, after this life, he may attain everlasting joy and felicity. **Amen**.

The Blessing

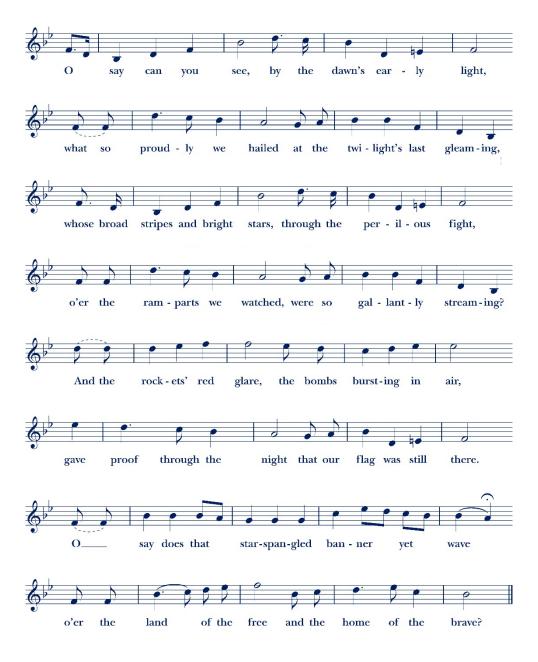
The Bishop says

of forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor everyone;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

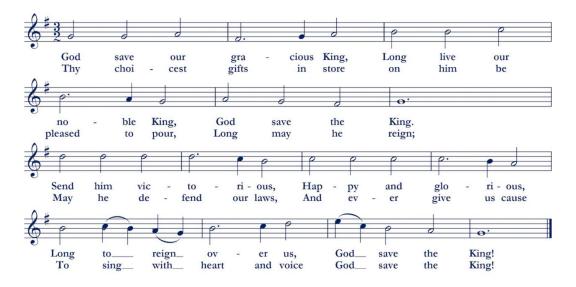
Amen.

The People stand.

The National Anthem



The National Anthem of the United Kingdom



Organ Postlude

Coronation March 'Orb & Sceptre' (1953) Sir William Walton (1902-1983)





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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Our mission is to worship, love, and serve Our Lord Jesus Christ through the Anglican tradition and our unique choral heritage.

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