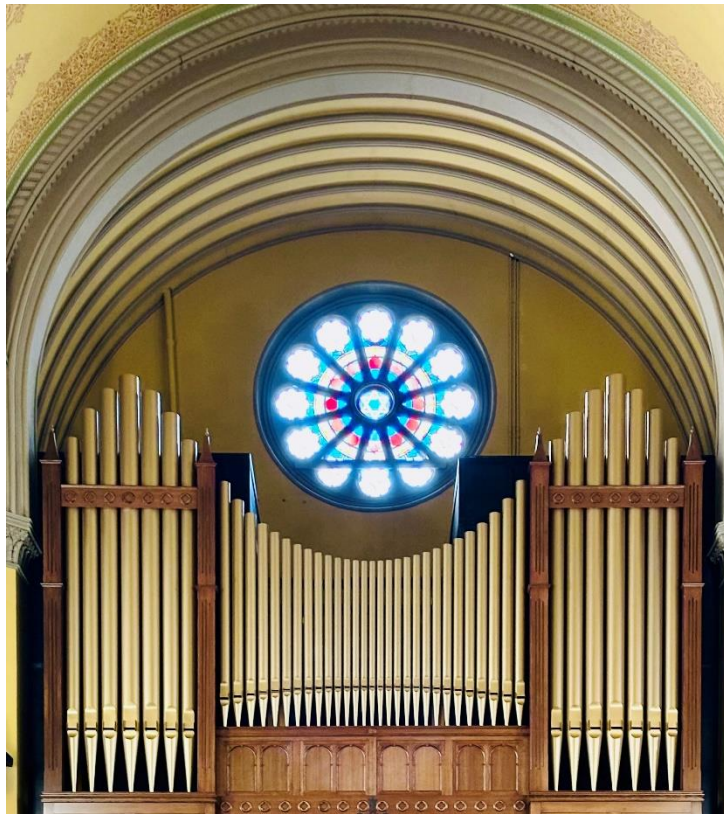


# CHORAL EVENSONG

WITH THE BLESSING OF THE NEW ORGAN

September 25, 2024

6:00 PM



**THE CHURCH OF  
THE HOLY TRINITY**  
RITTENHOUSE SQUARE

# WELCOME

## OUR VIVID VISION

*This was created in 2022 in collaboration with the Rectors, Wardens & Vestry and is intended to describe where we will be in 3 years.*

The church is bursting with life. Outside the building, people are talking, resting, and enjoying the weather. Inside, people are coming and going – staff and volunteers connecting and welcoming. Families, students, working professionals, retirees and neighbors mingle with each other, finding resources they need: safety and support, education, and creative outlets. Visitors and members alike find a place to make a difference and share their gifts with each other. The smell of delicious food wafts through the air as the chefs prepare the community meal for the day. Visitors from all over the world are marveling at the beautiful interior of the sanctuary. Worshippers are laughing, singing, praising, and just enjoying being together. The delicate sounds of violin mingle with the robust organ and the echoes of voices. We are more than just a place on the Square. We are an integral part of the neighborhood.

## CORE VALUES

### INCLUSION/WELCOME

We believe that no one should feel left out or alone. We embrace our differences and respect each person within our community. This allows everyone to bring their unique and authentic gifts to further the mission of the church.

### INNOVATION

We are not afraid of trying new things or changing when necessary. If things do not work out, we are open to re-evaluate, learn from our mistakes, and try again.

### COLLABORATION

We listen to and support one another, working and evolving together. We build upon each other's strengths and lift up each other's gifts.

### COMMUNITY MINDEDNESS

Church is not an individual endeavor, but a community experience. We believe that we cannot each succeed or be whole, unless everyone finds success and wholeness.

## CULTURE

### JOYFUL

We are hopeful, optimistic, and have fun together. Being part of this community gives us joy, and our joy spreads to others and makes us want to share joy with them.

### FEARLESS

We are innovative, purposeful and adaptable. We believe that with God all things are possible and that with prayer and connection to God we will always have enough. We are not afraid of trying new things or of failing. We learn from our mistakes. We reach out to others drawing them in, not waiting for them to find us.

### EMBRACING

We love others, because God loves us. This means that we are accepting, welcoming, open, genuine, and empathetic. We speak the truth in love.

### ENGAGED

Our connection to this organization is full of energy. We give without expectation of return. We continuously learn about the community and our neighbors and adapt our connections as needed. We all contribute our time, money and skills to make our community better.

# INTRODUCTION

Evensong is a sung evening service in the Anglican tradition, defined in its current usage during the Reformation. The word 'Evensong' was first documented as 'oefen-sang' c. 1000 to describe Vespers, the seventh of the eight daily offices practiced in Roman Catholic monasteries, which traditionally occurs at sunset or around 6pm. The modern Evensong service was created by Thomas Cranmer, the author of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549. Cranmer combined the two monastic evening services of Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Compline (Night Prayer) into one liturgy, using both the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* canticles as the heart of the service

Choral Evensong has been practiced in cathedrals, collegiate chapels, and parish churches for 450 years and is constructed from texts that are from the Bible or the Book of Common Prayer. Readings from the Old and New Testaments along with Psalms, Canticles, Hymns, and ancient prayers are woven together into a peaceful meditation as the choir and clergy exchange a sung dialogue of prayer.

Tonight we celebrate the installation of Möller Opus 8128 and bless it for use in our sacred space. You can read more about this magnificent instrument in the accompanying booklet.



## PRELUDE

*Pre-service Recital*  
*Lauda Sion (Symphonie Eucharistique) Op. 115*  
*Rhapsody Op. 17, No. 1*

played by Wesley Parrott  
P.J.M. Plum, O.S.M.  
Herbert Howells

## INTROIT

*Hail, Gladdening Light*

Charles Wood  
(1866-1926)

Hail! gladdening Light, of His pure glory poured  
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,  
Holiest of Holies~Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we are come to the Sun's hour of rest;  
The lights of evening round us shine;  
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung  
With undefiled tongue,  
Son of our God, giver of life, alone:  
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.

*Please rise in body or in spirit at the entrance of the choir and clergy.*

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES

Margaret Burk  
(b. 1990)

*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.

OFFICE HYMN - 29

Bromley

1 O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni -  
 2 To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our  
 3 To God the Fa - ther, heaven - ly Light, to Christ re -  
  
 ty of prince - ly might, the fier - y sun now  
 eve - ning prayer we raise; O grant us with thy  
 vealed in earth - ly night, to God the Ho - ly  
  
 goes his way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.  
 saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
 Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

*Please be seated for the Psalm.*

- 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.

*All rise in body or in spirit for the Gloria Patri.*

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.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE LESSONS

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**READING** Ephesians 2:1-10

*Sally Griffith*

*Reader*      A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved

through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**CANTICLE** *Magnificat*

Bryan Kelly (b. 1934)

*Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C*

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.

*Please be seated.*

*Officiant* A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

CANTICLE *Nunc Dimittis*

Bryan 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

*Following the Canticle, all chant the Creed together on a single note.*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant* I believe in God,  
*All* 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

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### SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY

Burk

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All may kneel or sit.*

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

*Choir* Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,



in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## SUFFRAGES

*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.

*Then follows three Collects.*

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Choir* Amen.

## COLLECT FOR PEACE

*Officiant* 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.

*Choir* Amen.

## COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

*Officiant* 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.

*Choir* Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## HOMILY

The Rev. John Gardner

## ANTHEM

*Antiphon*

Philip Moore  
(b. 1943)

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.  
The heav'ns are not too high,  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low,  
His praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.  
The church with psalms must shout,  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
My God and King.

(George Herbert)

*Following the anthem, please rise in body or in spirit.*

## THE BLESSING OF THE ORGAN

### VERSICLE & RESPONSES

*Bishop* All things come from you, O Lord;  
*All* **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**

*Bishop* Prosper the work of our hands;  
*All* **Prosper our handiwork.**

*Bishop* Show your servants your works;  
*All* **And your splendor to their children.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this organ to your praise and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen**

*Bishop* They sing to the tambourine and the lyre, and rejoice to the sound of the pipes.  
Praise him with the sound of the trumpet:

*All* **Praise him with lyre and harp.**

*Bishop* Let us pray.

O Lord, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept this organ for the worship of your temple, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,

who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

## THE PRAYERS

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
*All* we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and all thou hast created.  
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 Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

*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.

*All* Amen.

## DIMISSAL

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*Choir* Thanks be to God.

# THE BISHOP'S BLESSING

HYMN 432

*Laudate Dominum*

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!

*You are invited to be seated for the Postlude.*

**POSTLUDE**

*Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552.2*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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# PARTICIPANTS THIS EVENING

## *Bishop*

The Right Rev. Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania

## *Officiants*

The Rev. Rachel Wenner Gardner, The Rev. John Gardner

## *Preacher*

The Rev. John Gardner

## *Lector*

Sally Griffith

## *Organists*

Wesley Parrott, Benjamin Leiby

## *Flower*

Margaret Dowling & Gail Caruso

## *Acolytes*

Thomas, Robert & Henry Lipscomb

## *Choir*

Gail Caruso, Patricia Conrad, Stephanie DeMane, Will Dowling, Franny Geller,  
Andrew Gutknecht, Samuel Higgins, Samuel Keeler, Thomas Kneeland, Titus Muzi,  
Mike O'Bryan, Jordan Rock, Eddie Rubeiz, Aaron Scarberry, Jenifer Smith, Amanda Staub,  
Clara Swartzentruber, & Diana Maye Whitener



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