

1. In the quiet of the evening,
 2. In our wandering we have traveled
 3. When our ignorance is danger,
 4. As the light of day is fading,
 5. Glo - ry be to God the Father,

Now the work of day is done,
 Far from you through-out the day,
 Or we credit world-ly lies,
 Ev - er keep us in your sight;
 Glo - ry be to God the Son,

Turn our thoughts, be - loved Cre - a - tor
 Yet for - giv - ing all, you sent us
 Then, with time - ly care, you give us
 Pierce the dark of sin with splen - dor
 Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it,

To the work of Christ, your Son.
 Christ to lead us, Christ the way.
 Christ the truth to make us wise.
 Shin - ing out from Christ the light.
 Glo - ry to the Three in One.

Please be seated as the Choir chants the psalm appointed for this day.

Psalm 103, sung in the Myles Coverdale translation

chant: C.H.H. Parry
(1848–1918)

- 1 Praise the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
- 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits;
- 3 Who forgiveth all thy sin and healeth all thine infirmities;
- 4 Who saveth thy life from destruction
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things
making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
- 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement
for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
- 7 He shewed his ways unto Moses his works unto the children of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy long-suffering, and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not alway be chiding neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
- 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins
nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
- 11 For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth
so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
- 12 Look how wide also the east is from the west so far hath he set our sins from us.
- 13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children
even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.
- 14 For he knoweth whereof we are made he remembereth that we are but dust.
- 15 The days of man are but as grass for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
- 16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone
and the place thereof shall know it no more.
- 17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that
fear him and his righteousness upon children's children;
- 18 Even upon such as keep his covenant
and think upon his commandments to do them.
- 19 The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven and his kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength
ye that fulfil his commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his words.
- 21 O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts ye servants of his that do his pleasure.
- 22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

At the end of the psalm, please stand as the Choir sings:

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.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the LORD your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Magnificat

Howells

Collegium Regale (King's College, Cambridge)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. 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, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Please be seated.

The Second Reading

Mark 2:18–22

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus said to them, "The wedding guests cannot fast while the bridegroom is with them, can they? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day.

"No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak; otherwise, the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost, and so are the skins; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins."

Officiant Here ends the reading.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Nunc dimittis

Howells

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, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Please remain standing.

The Apostles' Creed, *said together, 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 Catholick Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Leighton

Precentor The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Precentor Let us pray.

Please be seated during the slight pause.

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

Then the Choir will sing the Lord's Prayer.

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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Precentor O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Precentor O Lord, save the State.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Precentor Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Precentor O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Precentor Give peace in our time, O Lord.

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

Precentor O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

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 our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The 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 Anthem

I know I've been changed

Spiritual
arr. Damon Dandridge

Christopher Humbert, *soloist*

*I know I've been changed, 'cause the angels in heaven done signed my name.
I prayed all night and I prayed all day too...I'll keep on praying till I come through.
I stepped in the water and the water was cold...It chilled my body but not my soul.
If you don't believe that I've been redeemed...then follow me down to that Jordan stream.*

Prayers of Intercession

Rev. Livingston

ending with

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, *said together*

ALMIGHTY 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.

Offering Invitation

The Grace, *said together*

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.

Please stand.

During the singing of the Closing Hymn, we invite you to support the First Church Choir's 2022 Winchester Cathedral Tour Fund. To give electronically, please use this link or the QR code below or <http://concertsatfirstchurch.org/evensong-offering/>

Thank you for your generosity.



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We
 2. A - lone and fast - ing, Mo - ses saw The
 3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -
 4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride-groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with You; Our spir - its strength - en

things were made Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with Your grace, And give us joy to see Your face.

Leadership in the Liturgy

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Livingston, *officiant*
Mark S. Williams, *verger*
Christopher Humbert, *precentor, bass soloist (anthem)*
Kevin Cubick, *tenor soloist (Nunc dimittis)*
The First Church Choir
Kevin Jones, *conductor, voluntary organist*
Nicholas Guardokus, *organist, canticles*
Tyler W. Robertson, *organist, psalm and hymns*

The First Church Choir

Kevin Jones, conductor

Soprano: Marti Baumer, Brianna Burkett, Candace Cummings, Rose Kandel,
Melissa Lawson, Joan Lombardi, Emily Noël, Dora Paolucci, Susan Pusecker,
Megan Smith, Lissa Wade, Margaret Wells, Lexi White

Alto: Janet Axt, Jamie Blair, Cari Brackett, Susan Brooks,
Cindy Deliman, Allison Ellenberger, Marcia Essig, Brad Findell, Jennifer Fry,
Cheryl Hoskinson, Mary Anne Jacobson, Sarah Lange, Nancy Loy,
SallyJane Mathias, Cathy Redenbarger, Jan Wade

Tenor: Leigh Briggs, Bill Catus, Kevin Cubick, Jim Griffin, Dustin Jarred,
Bill Lange, Justin Meyer, Pavan Peter, Rick Sayre

Bass: Joseph Bellissimo, Jonathan Bethke, Jeff Corzine,
John Deliman, Jim Gieseke, Christopher Humbert,
Ryan Jones, Sebastian Knowles, David Stang

Please mark your calendars for our next concert event, Tuesday,
March. 2, at 12.15 p.m., as *First Tuesdays* presents
the annual Bach recital by harpsichordist Kevin Jones.

Choral Evensong will be sung next on
Sunday, March 21, at 4 p.m.

Organist Clark Wilson accompanies Cecil B. DeMille's
epic silent film, *King of Kings*, on
Sunday, March 28, at 4 p.m.

All events are livestreamed only at
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About First Congregational Church...

WELCOME TO FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. As you can see and hear from the soaring Gothic Revival architecture, the stained glass windows, and the sound of music in this space, beauty is truly a multi-media encounter here.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES are held at 9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Parish Hall) and 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary). Following in the tradition of Washington Gladden, minister of this church from 1882 to 1914, First Congregational Church welcomes all people and extends its mission and witness into the community.

THIS BUILDING was designed by renowned architect John Russell Pope, dedicated in 1931 and renovated in 1997.

THE BRUSSELS TAPESTRIES were woven in 1575 in Belgium, embodying the artistic ideals of the Renaissance. Part of a larger series, they depict events in the life of Abraham.

ABOUT THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Seven studios have placed their work in this church. Above the Chancel, the Jeffrey window (Nicola d'Ascenzo Studios, 1931) depicts Christ's earthly life and ministry, and the East Chancel window (Charles J. Connick Studios, 1937) honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The Friendship window (East wall, East Transept, Charles J. Connick Studios, 1931) represents Christ and Saint John, and in the South bay, two lancet windows portray the Good Samaritan (Connick Associates Studio, 1966); while the Gladden window (West wall, West Transept, Oliver Smith, 1931) honors the social justice conscience of Washington Gladden, and in the South bay, two lancet windows represent the Resurrection and the New Jerusalem (Gabriel Loire Built by Jacques Loire Vitraux 1984). High above the nave, the eight Clerestory windows (designed by Francis Deck, built by Emil Frei Studios, 1976-1983) depict the story of Creation, and the Fall of Adam and Eve. Below, the Aisle windows (Gabriel Loire, 1988) illustrate parables of Jesus from the Gospels. The Rose window (designed by Wilbert C. Ronan, built by Oliver Smith, 1931) above and behind the Beckerath organ case portrays Christian cardinal virtues. The Barnard window (Ellen Miret, the Willet Stained Glass Studio, 2004) in the East Narthex, that celebrates music, was inspired by Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor and honors G. Dene Barnard, who served First Church as Organist/Choirmaster for 30 years.

THE BANNER STAND is rolled steel and made by Albert Paley, sculptor, in 2003.

THE COLLECTION OF LITURGICAL BANNERS is made by artist Deb Anderson.

THE CHANCEL CROSS is made of red enameled copper facets on Brazilian rosewood, by William J. Thompson, sculptor, in 1963.

We are grateful for your presence with us today. We are also grateful for your financial gifts that allow us to present Choral Evensongs, and many organ and musical events throughout the year. If you would like to become an annual donor to the Concert Fund, please click on the link below:

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Carol Ann Bradley
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Bobby Carrington
Susan and Frank Cook
Anonymous
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