



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City

Vespers

with Contemporary Worship Music

January 31, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Live Stream via Facebook

Musicians for this service are

Karen Hudson, vocals

James Robinson, vocals and penny whistle

Brandon DeGorter, alto sax

Sara Gateman, guitar and vocals

Steve Bateman, guitar

Joanne Collier, piano

Evening Prayer – The Service of Light

Prelude

Glorify Thy Name

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth,

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name,

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit we love You, we worship and adore You.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name.

Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever,

Lord of the ages, God before time;

We are a vapor, You are eternal,

Love everlasting reigning on high;

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,

worthy is the Lamb Who was slain.

Highest praises, honor and glory

Be unto Your name,

Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,

Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;

You are the love song we'll sing forever

Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Chorus.*

Be the Centre

Jesus be the centre.

Be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus be the centre.

Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Chorus

Be the fire in my heart.

Be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus be my vision.

Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

Welcome

Presider Jesus Christ is the light of the world

People A light no darkness can extinguish.

Song “Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Who was and is and is to come.

Lord, most holy, worthy of glory.

Power and majesty are Yours. *Repeat.*

Chorus

Blessing and honor to You forever,

unto the Lamb upon the throne.

Strength and salvation

belong to the Savior.

Holy, holy is the Lord.

O Gracious Light (*all standing*)

**O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven.
O Jesus, Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be sung by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

Thanksgiving

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Blessed are you, Lord our God,
our eternal Father and David's king.
You have made our gladness greater and increased our joy
by sending to dwell among us
the Wonderful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace.
Born of Mary,
proclaimed to the shepherds,
and acknowledged to the ends of the earth,
your unconquered Sun of righteousness
destroys our darkness and establishes us in freedom.
All glory in the highest be to you,
through Christ, the Song of your favour,
in the anointing love of his Spirit,
this night and for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Genesis 2:4-25

Sara Gateman

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

⁵Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the Lord God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

¹⁸The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

¹⁹Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80 *(please join in singing the refrain and speaking the parts in bold.)*

Re - store us a - gain, O Lord God of hosts,

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and show us the light of your face and your grace and we shall be saved.

Shepherd of Israel, hear us,

**you who lead Joseph like a flock,
you who are enthroned amidst the cherubim.**

Shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh;

Stir up your might, come and save us. R

God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayer?

**You have fed us with the bread of weeping,
and given us tears in plenty to drink.**

You have made a mockery of us to our neighbours,

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Let your hand rest on the one at your right hand,
on the one you have made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never forsake you;
give us life, and we will call on your name. R**

You have brought a vine out of Egypt,
you drove out the nations and planted it.

**You cleared the ground for it;
it sank deep roots, and filled the land.**

The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

**It stretched out its branches as far as the Sea,
and its shoots as far as the River.**

Why then have you broken down its enclosure,
so that all who go by pluck its grapes?

**The boar from the forest roots it up,
and the beasts of the field devour it. R**

Turn to us again, God of hosts,
look down from heaven and see.

**Bestow your care on this vine,
on the stock which your right hand planted.**

As for those who set it on fire, who cut it down,
may they perish at the frown of your face.

**Let your hand rest on the one by your side,
on the one you have made strong for yourself.**

Then we will never forsake you;

give us life, and we will call on your name. R

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this."² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it.³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads.⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God.⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle.⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come."

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ "You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Song

“May the Peace of God” (Benediction)

by Keith and Kristyn Getty &
Stuart Townend

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within His love.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal, the King of Kings.

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of His communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

And to Him be praise for His glorious reign;
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Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

Intercessions and Thanksgivings *(all kneeling)*

The Collects

**Remain with us, Lord, for the day is far spent and evening is at hand. Kindle our hearts
on our way that we may recognize you in the scriptures and the breaking of bread.
Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

**Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Postlude